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Israelis agitated

Warhaftig seeks action by cabinet to deal with Christian missionaries

JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Zerah Warhaftig wants cabinet action against the Christian missionaries, especially the Jews for Jesus organization which, in the words of religious circles, has "infiltrated" young missionaries into Israel in the guise of Jewish immigrants.

The missionary issue has come to the centre of public attention following attacks on the alleged headquarters of missionary organizations by young zealots, most of them, according to police, adherents or supporters of Rabbi Meir Kahane's Jewish Defence League.

Chief Rabbi Goren has denounced missionary activities but, at the same time, deplored physical violence. The estimated number of missionaries active in Israel varies from a few thousand to a few hundred.

There have been complaints from Jews about approaches from missionaries at the Western Wall. Similarly, Moslems in the Old City have also complained that they are being pestered by mainly American bible preachers. There is some evidence that Russian newcomers are a special target of some missions which have published New Testaments in Russian especially for them.

This particular problem is complicated by the fact that a number of Soviet newcomers include partners of mixed marriages. The non-Jewish partner does not always wish to convert to Judaism and welcomes the freedom to worship as a Christian which has been denied to him or her, as is most usually the case, in Russia.

But is it the activities of the Jews for Jesus organization which is most agitating Israeli opinion following the revelation that one of the movement's most active members in Israel is 32-year-old American Shira Lindsay, who was refused conversion to Judaism by the Jerusalem Beth Din after revealing her belief in Jesus but was able to secure conversion from a Boston rabbi to whom she did not reveal her two-dimensional faith.

Reporters have seen letters from the Jews for Jesus organization in America urging expansion of its activities in Israel and suggesting adherents should seek financial help from the Jewish Agency as immigrants if they are unable to maintain themselves.

Dr. Warhaftig is pressing for the Law of Return to be amended in such a way that Jews who also follow another religion should not benefit from its terms, particularly the automatic grant of citizenship. This is being resisted by the justice minister, Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro, who sees considerable legal complications.

The interior ministry, which is controlled by the National Religious Party, is considering tackling the problem by other means.

Viewpoint telecast incites protest

TORONTO-

A tirade of abuse in which Israel's government was charged with committing atrocities and aggression and with having laws similar to Hitler's race laws on intermarriage, was telecast across Canada Monday night when freelance journalist Aaron Einfrank was featured on the CBC's late night program, **Viewpoint**.

Protests over what was described as "the most scurrilous attack yet on Israel," poured into the Toronto headquarters of the CBC. It was admitted by CBC officials that there had been numerous telephone calls, and that not all of them were critical of the broadcast.

The Canada-Israel Committee has demanded that equal time be given by the CBC for rebuttal of the charges which included the allegation that the downing of the Libyan airliner with the loss of 106 lives was an "aerial My Lai." This was a reference to the infamous slaughter of Vietnamese civilians by U.S. soldiers. Einfrank sprinkled his address with numerous references to the "Zionist military machine," "Zionist agents and propagandists," and "Zionist political pressure."

Einfrank was born in the United States of a Catholic mother and a Jewish father. He served for a time as Moscow correspondent of **The Toronto Telegram** until his expulsion by the Soviet authorities for articles critical of the regime. Einfrank next went to Washington as **The Telegram** correspondent but lost his White House accreditation.

"This garbage would gladden the heart of the El Fatah," one viewer told **The CJN**. "This was the English version of Michel Chartrand in Quebec."

Chartrand is the Quebec labor leader who has been conducting an anti-Israel campaign for some months.

Maurice Blais, who calls himself Moishe, the Kosher Goy, is leaving his job as superintendent of a Cote St. Luc high rise, but not without an outcry from tenants. Leading the protest is Mrs. Arleen Candiotti.

Ottawa bureaucracy beats Moishe the Kosher Goy

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL-

After more than three happy years on the job, apartment superintendent Moishe the Kosher Goy is leaving-but not without an outcry from the 180 tenants of his Cote St. Luc high rise.

Moishe Blais, who is better known by his nickname, says he is leaving because he cannot deal with the bureaucracy of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation which took over the luxury building last year. Blais also says that he was stripped of much of his authority and reduced to the status of a janitor by CMHC.

"I was very happy here," says Blais. "I'm not leaving because of wages. Before, a tenant came down and told me a problem, so I would take care of it. Now everything has to go through an office. You almost have to write to Ottawa to fix a door."

When the predominantly Jewish tenants heard of his plans to leave they unanimously supported him and fired off a petition to Ottawa which said: "The undersigned hereby declare that Mr. Maurice Blais, superintendent, cannot, will not and should not be replaced by a bureaucratic system. We urge you to strongly re-consider Mr. Blais' resignation or to be prepared to suffer the consequences which will surely follow.

"This is a declaration of our confidence, trust and love for one Mr. Maurice Blais."

But despite their efforts, the tenants' now hold little hope of being able to keep their smiling, Yiddish-speaking "camp counsellor" of a superintendent who often referred to himself jokingly as "Moishe the Kosher Goy."

"It wasn't like I was living in an apartment building," says Arleen Candiotti, the tenants' spokesman. "But I think things are going to change around here. It's not going to have the same family feeling any more."

Mrs. Candiotti says she thinks that it is doubly ironic that the present unhappiness felt by the superintendent and the tenants alike was brought about through the actions of the federal government.

"In Quebec, the English and the French are supposed to hate each other, and this surely wasn't the case with Mr. Blais. But when the government steps in that's when the trouble starts. Why he even taught me Yiddish words I didn't know."

Unfortunately for Maurice "Moishe the Kosher Goy" Blais, his Yiddish won't be of much use where he's going. Attempts by he and his wife and children to find a similar apartment building have proven futile. So now they are leaving for a downtown high rise.

"It's not a kosher building," he explains with a weak smile. "Maybe 20 per cent are Jewish. That's not so bad, and the others... they'll learn."

Only 14 turn up, study wonders where's teachers?

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO-

How the majority of teachers in Toronto's evening and congregational schools feel about their students, their jobs, and their schools is still something of a mystery to the Welfare Fund's Study Committee on Jewish Education.

After hearing from principals and parents, and after unsuccessful attempts to solicit opinions from the teachers through their alliance, the committee finally sent out a letter to all teachers in the evening schools inviting them to a special meeting on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18.

Although 250 invitations were mailed, only 14 teachers, all from Conservative or Orthodox schools, appeared. One principal showed up, although none had been invited.

Since nearly half of those who did come sat through the three-hour meeting in silence, what the committee heard were the deeply felt views of a few individual teachers.

Nearly all resented the implication, in statements like "day school students come from highly motivated homes," that evening schools are somehow inferior.

They wanted more help from the Board of Jewish Education in the form of resource teachers, curriculum aids, and course material, particularly in the areas of art, music, and audio-visual techniques.

And they wanted more practical courses, like methodology and psychology, at the Midrasha, the teacher-training college. "Show us how to teach it, not what it is," one asked.

Beyond these practical suggestions, however, they found it difficult to give recommendations to the committee. One teacher spoke of the need for setting long-term goals, but was unable to state any herself.

When Donald Carr, co-chairman of the study committee, asked if, by using a day school curriculum as a basis, "we set unrealistic educational goals," he drew a long and passionate response from one teacher who began by stating that "it's amazing what can be taught in six or eight hours a week if we have the leadership." She then veered off into a discussion of the proper roles of the teacher, principal, and parent.

Dr. Joseph Klinghoter, a member of the committee and an authority on Jewish education, summed up the mood as one of "underlying dichotomy." The teachers wanted more say in formulating programs, yet more direction from the Board of Jewish Education. They wanted a higher status, yet were unwilling to support certification. And they had evident difficulty in deciding "to what extent we should sacrifice the formal, academic training for teaching living Judaism."

Report on language reassuring: Hayes

MONTREAL-

If Quebec Jews are prepared to face the facts of life, then the Gendron Report on the French language is a reassuring statement, says Saul Hayes, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The long-awaited study was leaked to the press two weeks ago, and the main feature was that French be considered the more important "official" language while English would be considered a "national" language.

The report states that French should be the language of work in the province, and that there should be a 15 per cent rise in the number of French management-level workers earning between $10,000 and $20,000 a year.

Hayes said the report recognized the realities of English language use for business in North America, while at the same time protecting the French language in the province.

Although English-speak-

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Tragedy over Sinai

Pilot chose to ignore signals

TEL AVIV (JTA)-

The pilot of the Libyan Boeing 727 airliner that strayed over Sinai was apparently trying to head back to Egyptian territory when he ignored signals to land and was shot down by Israeli Air Force jets, it was learned recently. The death toll reached 106, including six of 13 survivors who died in or on their way to hospitals.

The cabinet, at a special meeting, said: "It has been established beyond all doubt that the pilot of the Libyan plane noted the repeated warnings... The pilot even acknowledged that he noticed the warnings but nevertheless refused to heed those warnings," the statement said.

Reports said this was confirmed by the Libyan co-pilot, one of the survivors. He reportedly told his rescuers that both he and the pilot saw and understood the signals from the Israeli fighters to follow them to an airstrip for landing but decided instead to make for Egyptian territory because of the hostile relations between Israel and Libya. The co-pilot is in Beersheba Hospital where he is suffering from shock and injuries. His condition was reported as serious.

The cabinet statement said the plane had flown over a highly sensitive military area and "behaved in a way which aroused suspicion and concern regarding its intentions." When it failed to respond to the warning signals, Israeli planes "were forced as a last resort to intercept the plane." The statement reiterated Israel's sorrow over the loss of lives. Transport Minister Shimon Peres said Israel had acted in accordance with international rules governing the intrusion of a civilian aircraft into its air space.

Upon her arrival in Washington for talks with President Nixon, Israel's Prime Minister Golda Meir told a press conference that the people of Israel were shocked and saddened by the tragedy.

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Israel has need for $470 million

TORONTO-

Jewish communities throughout the world will have to raise $470 million for Israel in 1973, which is 35 per cent more than the amount raised last year, Phil Granovsky told a meeting of the UJA-ISF Campaign Planning Committee last week.

Granovsky, newly-elected president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, attended the Jewish Agency General Assembly in Jerusalem in February where the $470 million budget was adopted. Funds for Israel raised by the UJA are distributed through the Jewish Agency.

A member of the budget committee, Granovsky said that originally Jewish Agency treasurer Arye Dulzin presented a budget of $730 million but this was cut down to what Granovsky said was a more realistic figure.

He said Israel will have to make drastic cutbacks in plans for new housing, social services and elementary education, because the necessary funds will not be available.

Granovsky said the total budget adopted is based on an estimated immigration of 70,000 people this year and on absorption in depth and assistance to 400,000 needy residents of Israel in welfare, education, health and higher studies-all of which constitutes 33 per cent of the total spending of Israel on these services.

Golfers criticize methods of selection for Maccabiah Games

Ruby Richman

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor
TORONTO-

Four Toronto golfers have written to Canadian Maccabiah Games officials bitterly protesting "the lack of organization" at trials last October and "the ambiguity" in the team's method of selection.

One of the four, Norm Greenberg, told **The Canadian Jewish News** "an elite group from the Northwood and Oakdale clubs have made sure no one else has a chance to make the team."

Greenberg, 29, along with Lorne Rubenstein, Bruce Berdock and Stu Estrin wrote the protest letter Nov. 9 and sent it to a number of Maccabiah Games officials including Ruby Richman, chairman of the Toronto selection committee. The four said they never received any replies to their letter.

In an interview, Richman told **The CJN**: "I haven't had the time to evaluate what can be done."

He said the selection of the six-man golf team to the games, to begin in Israel July 9, will be anounced in April. However, he added, the selection may be delayed until after a tournament, which may be held in May.

The selection committee will have to arrive at a more equitable means of choosing the team, he said, taking into account trials, the record of top performers in tournaments and the records of all other Jewish golfers.

In their letter, the athletes said: "As golfers of fairly wide tournament experience, we were appalled at the manner in which the recent tournament was conducted. The trials were of great importance to us; it is very rare that any of us may have the opportunity to visit Israel while at the same time representing Canada in international competition."

Among their charges was "a total lack of information with respect to criteria for selection on the team. There was little indication of what was to be taken into account, and any possibilities put forward to us in Toronto were completely unverifiable."

The second day of the two-day trials, the golfers said, was completely disorganized with players conceding putts, something strictly forbidden in tournament play. "We believe that an event as important as qualifying for a national team should be taken far more seriously, with proper starting times, arranged groups and penalties for deviance from such times and groups."

The four complained of the time of the trials (in mid October "when there has been no time for practice and most of us have given up the game for the season"), the site of the qualifying tournament ("every time at Northwood and Oakdale") and the fact that members of the organizing committee took part in the tournament.

The protesters asked for a 54-hole tournament in late May or early June on a course to be decided upon by a committee in Toronto "named fairly."

Rubenstein, 24, winner of the Eastern Ontario Golf Championship last year, told **The CJN** he had never seen such disorganization in a golf

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Lorne Rubenstein

WORLD NEWS

Military court to try mechanic Itzhak Shkolnick

LONDON (JCNS)–

Itzhak Shkolnik, the 36-year-old mechanic from Vinnitsa in the Ukraine charged with treason and spying for Britain in 1968, is to be tried by a military court, writes Zeev Ben Shlomo, JCNS East Europe correspondent.

His wife, Feiga, was notified by the Soviet authorities last week that their inquiries had been completed. But that the date of the trial is not yet known. Feiga was also told that the trial papers had been transferred from the Vinnitsa civil court to the prosecutor of the Carpathian Military Command.

Shkolnik was arrested in July last year after expressing his wish to emigrate to Israel. In bringing their charges the Soviet authorities alleged that the card of a visiting British businessman was found in the Shkolniks' home.

Mrs. Shkolnik has already vigorously denied the spy charges in a letter to Roman Rudenko, the Soviet prosecutor-general in Moscow, pointing out that her husband had openly met a number of British businessmen who visited Vinnitsa. It was impossible for him to have access to secret information.

As defence counsel for her husband, Mrs. Shkolnik picked Holovko, a Ukranian lawyer in Vinnitsa, but after he accepted the brief, the Soviet authorities objected. At the same time the authorities made it plain that they would be willing for the chairman of the Lawyers' Collegium in Vinnitsa, who is a former presecutor, to appear in Shkolnik's defence.

This arbitrary action gives a Stalinist aspect to the trumped-up charges. Shkolnik has spent most of his working life as an unskilled or semi-skilled worker. In recent years he has been employed as a mechanic.

The plant where he worked was a civilian one and the fact that the British engineers were employed in it is sufficient proof that there were no secrets, military or otherwise, involved in its production.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan answers questions at news conference after the shooting down of the Libyan plane. To his right is the Chief of Staff General Elazar.

Why did pilots ignore our warning? Dayan asks

TEL AVIV (JCNS)–

Moshe Dayan, Israel's defence minister, totally rejected the idea of an inquiry into the crash of the Libyan Boeing 727 in Sinai.

Speaking in English at a press conference Dayan expressed his deep sorrow at the shooting down of the Libyan airliner but said the great puzzle was why the pilot had ignored Israeli signals to land. The two Israeli fighter pilots, said Dayan, had acted within their orders and, after making his own check, he understood why the Israeli pilots had decided to use force to make the plane land. There would be no formal inquiry.

"I don't have to say how sorry I am about the lives lost and the very incident. I just wish it had not happened. The great puzzle about it is the behavior and attitude of the captain of the Libyan aircraft. Even now I cannot really offer any explanation of why the captain behaved this way. I just hope the co-pilot will recover shortly and he will be able to give some explanation why they did not obey orders and why they did not try to save the lives, and land according to the instructions they got," Dayan told a televised news conference.

"I want to emphasize the special nature of the area the plane flew over," continued Dayan. "It is the most sensitive one we have got. Had it been a taxi which had been ordered to stop and refused, soldiers would have fired at the wheels, and rightly so."

If an Israeli airliner was caught in similar circumstances over hostile territory, he would expect the pilot to obey military orders to land and not risk the lives of civilian passengers, said Dayan. "If he (the pilot) tried to run away and succeeded in doing so, and endangered the passengers, I would advise that he be put on trial," he added. "This incident has no political significance, none whatsoever, not me nor any other governmental level was consulted about it and we should not have been." Dayan said he hoped that the flight recorder "Black Box" would be able to provide some information but he said it had not yet been found.

Rejecting calls for an inquiry, he said military standing orders held that military operations unless, they had political significance, did not need to be referred to Golda Meir, the Israeli prime minister.

One of the survivors of the crash, Jean-Pierre Bourdiat, 40, a steward from Paris, said in hospital in Beersheba that he had been sitting at the back of the plane.

"I understood our compass was not working and that we were lost. There was bad weather, and there was a sandstorm. It is nonsense to say that Palestinian guerrillas had taken over the plane.

"We were hit by two missiles, the first one was in the rear. We were trying for an emergency landing but we hit the ground." An Egyptian passenger, Faisal Mohammed, said that the chief pilot had walked up the aisle just as he saw Israeli fighters from the window. "I pointed the fighters out to him and he said 'don't worry' and then there was firing."

JNF is criticized for its operations

JERUSALEM (JTA-JCNS)–

Spokesmen for the Jewish National Fund contend that much of the criticism of its operations contained in the recently published report of the Zionist General Council's (Action Committee) controller was inaccurate and misleading. Shimon Ben Shemesh, director-general of the land reclamation and development agency, said, however, that the JNF would give serious consideration to recommendations in the controller's report and would correct procedures wherever possible.

Louis Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, said that he would study the report and would place it before a joint committee of the WZO and the JNF board of directors. Pincus said he "deplored" the allegedly one-sided treatment of the report by certain sections of the press which, he said, could hurt the JNF's reputation.

Despite the fact that the controller had pointed out as far back as 1968 that debts were two and a half to three times its income, the JNF had done little in the intervening five years to rectify this situation.

There was scarcely one aspect of JNF headquarter operations, where 229 people were employed, that did not draw sharp criticism from the controller. The budget, for example, was not explained or broken down. Land was reclaimed without budgetary approval being given.

The controller, with striking thoroughness examined the safe at JNF headquarters. He found money and valuables inside envelopes, but no records kept of them. In the strong-room in the basement of the building, valuables and jewellery bequeathed or contributed to the JNF were deposited. "Most of these articles have been kept in the safe for many years."

Louis Pincus

At a press conference, Ben Shemesh said that certain criticisms were valid but implied that the controller's report was not altogether accurate in some of its charges. One charge was that the JNF had no criteria for paying the expenses of its emissaries who travel abroad and had, in fact, paid the travel expenses of the wives who travelled with their husbands.

Ben Shemesh said two wives of emissaries had their travel expenses paid and the wife of a third received, in addition, per diem expenses. But he stressed that these were special cases and that the payments had been approved by the JNF's executive committee. Theodor Hatalgi, the JNF's public relations director, disputed the controller's charge that huge stocks of JNF publications were left in storerooms undistributed. Hatalgi said the JNF had produced the publications three years in advance as an economy move.

Hayes reaction

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ing people are satisfied with the probe's recommendations, it has come under attack from nationalist groups for maintaining the linguistic status quo.

"With or without the Gendron Report," said Hayes, "Jews should know the importance of bilingualism, since to be without the knowledge of French will mean an increasing hardship."

The study was issued after four years of research by a five-man commission headed by Professor Jean Denis Gendron of the University of Laval.

The report also relates to the human rights area, since Justice Minister Jerome Choquette recently stated that a human rights code-deemed essential by the Jewish community-will be legislated following the tabling of the Gendron Report.

Another main feature of the study is that no changes should be made regarding linguistic rights in education for three to five years, in order to allow time to establish whether other steps outlined in the report are sufficient.

This feature is crucial for Jewish educational institutions, since fears have been raised that the French language would have to be implemented at a rapid and difficult rate in order to benefit from government subsidies.

"It's likely that there won't be much of a problem for high schools to receive support," said Hayes, "but for elementary schools the matter is still in a state of flux.

"It is likely that they will not receive aid under 'public interest' Bill 56 unless they make substantial changes in their curriculum."

According to Hayes, French language implementation is "a matter of technique"–the same technique employed by such European communities as Belgium, Switzerland, and Holland to ensure a bilingual population.

"In Quebec this can't be done in one or two years, but it can be done in about seven years with the new generation of students about to start school," he added.

Correction

In a Feb. 23 feature on UJA worker Gordon Mendly, it was reported he received the National Retention Award in 1969, the first time it had been awarded in 50 years. According to the B'nai B'rith office in Toronto, the Continuity of Service Award, given to retention chairmen for collecting 95 per cent of dues by March 31, has been awarded to members on frequent occasions. **The Canadian Jewish News** thanks Dr. Alexander Lipson, one of the recipients of the award, for bringing this to our attention.

Golfers protest

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tournament. The University of Guelph student did admit that if the trials were the only criteria, "then I don't deserve to go. However I guarantee that none of us would play that kind of golf in the summer."

Greenberg, who represented Canada in the games in 1969, said he didn't realize there was a team until a week before the trials that year.

Asked whether he would have protested if for example, he finished second in the trials, Greenberg, who finished sixth, replied: "Yes, I honestly think I still would have complained. Conditions were abominable–it snowed and it was around 40 degrees. Who the heck plays golf at the end of October?"

Richman told **The CJN** "just because golfers 'a' and 'b' ended up one-two in Toronto doesn't mean they're going to Israel."

Asked to comment on the charges of the four, he said "instructions were given to get the tournament as widely publicized as possible." He stated he wrote newspapers and television stations about the tournament and sent notices to six or eight clubs. (**The CJN** was not sent a notice, he admitted.)

"We've tried to run the trials as fairly as possible," he declared, pointing out most Toronto-area golfers belonged to Northwood and Oakdale.

He also admitted claims about the organization of the trials may be correct "although from my visits, I was satisfied the tournament was run as best as possible.

"I will speak with the golf committee here and in Montreal to come up with the fairest way of assessing the team."

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Questions & Answers

Q. I am planning Aliyah and am concerned about finding employment in Israel. How do I go about finding work?

The officially recognized channels for obtaining information and for contacting prospective Israeli employers is the Israel Aliyah Center. In appropriate cases, these offices work through the Labor Exchanges (official employment bureaus) or the Government Bureau for Placement of Professionals. The former gives priority to new immigrants in job placement. The latter provides the only centralized governmental facility in this area for professionals. This facility is a voluntary one for, unlike most other workers in Israel, university graduates are not required by law to be placed through the Labor Exchanges. In cases not covered by the official Exchanges, there are a number of private employment offices which operate in Israel.

Employers usually avoid hiring persons whom they, or their representatives have not interviewed. In Israel, the new (or prospective) immigrant can usually arrange for interviews with a fair number of potential employers during a relatively short period. The usual experience is that contacting a small number of persons-well informed about a given occupation, industry, or profession-will quickly bring further leads and the compilation of a roster of potential employers. Contacting Israeli employers from abroad is more awkward.

For various reasons, it is not always possible for candidates to be interviewed abroad by a prospective Israeli employer. In such cases, it is advisable to undertake a pilot trip to Israel for the purpose of investigating employment possibilities and living conditions. Such visits can be arranged privately or through the Israel Aliyah Center.

A detailed summary of experience and education (curriculum vitae) is an essential tool in looking for employment. A generous quantity should be prepared. Among more obvious things, this should include family status and size, thesis title, proficiency in languages, degree of responsibility and numbers of persons supervised in various positions. In correspondence about work, one should be specific as to the date of availability.

Q. Will I be permitted to use my American driving license in Israel?

A. A valid U.S. or Canadian driver's license, or an International Driving License, entitles you to drive in Israel the type of vehicle indicated on your license. An "Oleh" can use a foreign driver's license in Israel for a period of no more than 3 months, while a temporary resident can use his foreign license for one year. But don't wait until the last minute!

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A hastily-convened community prayer rally attended by more than 400 persons was held at the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation in Montreal last week to express grief and shock over the fate of nine prominent Jews in Iraq who were executed.

Special events month for UJA

TORONTO–

The month of March is shaping up as one of the busiest periods of the current United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign.

While personal canvassing in all divisions has been proceeding at a brisk pace up to now, March is the month when many organizations and synagogues hold special events for the UJA. In some cases, these events are used for canvassing members but often the proceeds are used to augment treasury gifts.

The Optometrists group of the Trades and Professions Council will hold a UJA breakfast on Sunday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the Primrose Club. Guest speaker will be Major Morton K. Ohlbaum, of the United States Air Force biomedical service corps, who will speak on **Visual Stress in Aeroman**, editor of **The Jewish** and Milton Teitel are co-chairmen.

The Jewish Students Federation of York University is sponsoring a Monte Carlo night on Saturday, March 24, in the 8th floor faculty lounge of the Ross Humanities Building at York University. All proceeds will go to the UJA-ISF, according to the co-ordinators, Phil Halpern and Paul Tiefenbach.

Hillel will hold a telethon for university students on Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 5 and 6. Calls will be made from UJA headquarters, 150 Beverley Street.

A newly organized business and professional girls group of the UJA women's division will hold its first meeting at the home of Mrs. Allan A. Small, 11 Stormont Avenue, on Tuesday evening, March 6. Rupert Shriar, social planning director of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, and television personality Ruhama Goldstein will be the special guests.

Alex Serota will address a UJA breakfast of Beth Sholom on Sunday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m. Co-chairmen are Lou Gula, Herb Caplan and Sam Solish.

Beth Jacob Synagogue is holding a UJA breakfast at the synagogue, also on Sunday March 4 at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Julius Hayman, editor of **The Jewish Standard**; UJA chairman is Sam Faivish.

The Keltzer Society is planning a brunch, commencing at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 4, at 788 Marlee Avenue. Ben Lerer is the society's UJA chairman.

The Shomrai Shabbos Congregation UJA breakfast will be held at the synagogue on Glengrove West, commencing at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 4. Joshua Bar-El will be guest speaker. Chairman is Ed Winer.

On Sunday, March 11, the Chenstochover Society will hold a breakfast, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at which Simcha Genossar will be speaker. This is being held at the Bialik School, Viewmount Avenue. Jack Nightingale is UJA chairman.

Also on Sunday, March 11, the Ostrovtzer Society will hold a breakfast in Room 24, 12 Viewmount, at which Joshua Bar-El will be speaker. Joe Snider is president of this organization and Abe Nyman in UJA chairman.

Rabbi Irwin Witty will be the speaker at a UJA Yom Haatzmaut banquet of the Farband of Lithuanian Jews on Sunday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Murray House.

The Ozrower Society will hold a social evening on Sunday, March 18 at the Borochov Centre. UJA co-chairment are Moshe Goldstein and Stan Rosen.

Shmuel Ovnat, consul general of Israel in Toronto, will be guest speaker at a UJA banquet of the Stashiver Society commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 at Beth Torah Synagogue. UJA co-chairmen are Willie Rosengarten and Nathan Freedman.

Also planning a function in March are members of Petah Tikvah Anshei Castilla, a congregation of Spanish-speaking Jews from North Africa.

Soviet Jewry group ends committee

From Our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL–

The Montreal Actions Committee for Soviet Jewry has abolished its executive arm–the steering committee–by a vote of 29 to two opposed, with two abstentions.

The Actions Committee also approved establishing an executive committee, which will be composed of a chairman, three vice-chairmen, a secretary, a treasurer, and members of standing committees–all directly responsible to the parent body.

The move was a final step in a smouldering controversy that has been waged for several months at Congress. The motion brought to the meeting said: "We, a concerned group of individuals, are highly distressed over the lack of concrete action and constructive programing on the part of the actions committee.

"We see the reason for this as being the failure of the steering committee to fulfil its original purposes; these being–to provide a smaller body, directly responsible to the actions committee, which would be able to meet more often to discuss ideas for action on behalf of Soviet Jews, and to suggest ideas for programing to the actions committee for approval and implementation. We feel that the steering committee in fact has not been in touch with, much less responsible to, the actions committee as a whole."

The disatisfaction expressed by some members of the actions committee centred around the steering committee's alleged lack of subordination to the parent body, or as one representative believed: "a case of the dog wagging its tail."

"I would suggest," said Gerald Charness, chairman of the steering committee, "that only the chairman of the actions committee has the authorization to call actions committee meetings.

"Moreover, people were begged to do work, and those who were asked didn't–although we tried to involve as many people as possible."

Charness, pointing out that he did not attend the actions committee meeting said: "It doesn't take many people to make a resolution. I was under the impression that the actions committee was composed of over 200 people, although I understand only about 30 people showed up at the meeting."

Ella Cohen, the former national co-ordinator, and Paul Doltrop, part-time eastern region co-ordinator, both resigned their posts since August because of disatisfaction with lay and professional personnel, as well as Congress administration in the Soviet Jewry area.

Milton Winston, representing the Canadian Zionist Federation at the actions committee, said he was violently opposed to the results of the meeting, and added that it was an effort "on behalf of a professional to get rid of a layman."

Meir's visit 'tragic'

TORONTO–

The necessity for Golda Meir to take time out from her pressing duties as Israel's head of state to come to North America to plead for financial aid signifies a grave lack of responsibility on the part of Jews in this country, Rabbi David Monson told the congregation at Beth Sholom Synagogue last week.

"Never in our 4,000 years of history have Jews enjoyed the freedom and material well-being that we are now experiencing in North America," he said. "Yet, despite all this, Israel's tremendous financial burdens have not been lifted appreciably."

Monson and other rabbis throughout Toronto set aside two weeks to devote their sermons to emphasize the necessity to support, as never before, the United Jewish Appeal–Israel Special Fund campaign.

"It is tragic," Rabbi Monson stated, "that Mrs. Meir is forced to come here to beg in order for her people to survive."

Quoting passages from the Torah, Rabbi Erwin Schild told his congregants at Adath Israel Synagogue of basic Jewish attitudes. Fundamentally Jews must be prepared to give and to sacrifice, and above all, be aware of the need to give.

"The UJA–ISF campaign which provides vital funds for many local Jewish agencies and humanitarian needs in Israel, is the responsibility of every Jew. Each of us must give to ensure the future of all," he stated.

In his sermon at B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue, Rabbi Albert Pappenheim lamented the tendency for most people to respond only in a crisis situation.

"In 1967 the response from Jews was terrific, but since then it hasn't been good enough," he declared. "We know that Israel's military superiority has not lost its edge, but she is still surrounded by enemies. Internal pressures are greater than ever due to the steady influx of Jews from Russia and Arab countries. It is our duty to contribute as much as we possibly can."

Rabbi Pappenheim said Toronto Jews can be proud of the strides made in Jewish education, but he stressed that much more could be done in this area. This, he told his congregants, was only possible through full support of the UJA–ISF campaign.

Rabbi Henry Hoschander, of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, said that the very hour Israel enunciated its unparalleled declaration of obeisance to God, God insisted "bring unto me a free-will contribution with which to erect the Tabernacles in the desert."

The rabbi continued: "At first blush one is inclined to ask: 'How anti-climatical. Israel pledges undying loyalty and all God demands is some meager material gift?

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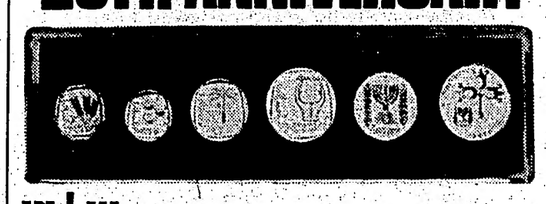

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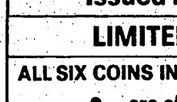

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The no-war, no-peace atmosphere contributed to Sinai air tragedy

The tragedy in the Sinai Desert has brought a world reaction that does little justice to Israel. The death of 106 innocent persons who died in the wreckage of the Libyan 727 is not to be minimized, but the world reaction to this tragic event places the entire blame on Israel. The known facts do not support this posture.

None other than Moshe Dayan, Israel's defence minister, has said Israel must accept part of the blame for what happened, but he said the greater share of blame rests with the pilot who failed to heed the international signal to land, and with the Cairo authorities who failed to keep the pilot informed of developments.

Israel has announced it will make payments to the families of the victims. This is not to be taken as an admission of guilt but as a "humane gesture."

It was to be expected that the Arab nations would seize on this tragedy to launch a campaign of hate against Israel, to distort the known facts to fit this outpouring of hate, and to threaten reprisals. But the frantic reaction of most of the non-Arab world is difficult to understand. The downing of the Libyan airliner was not a deliberate act. It must be evaluated against the background of the no war-no peace atmosphere prevailing in the Middle East. Arab terrorists in recent weeks have stepped up their campaign against Israel and Israeli intelligence learned that there was a distinct possibility that a plane loaded with explosives would be sent plunging into the heart of Tel Aviv or Haifa.

Israel's security measures were tightened and the skies over Israel were under constant watch. If a foreign plane appeared over Israeli territory, the Israelis would be ready. Thus was the stage set for the tragedy over Sinai. A foreign plane entered Israeli air space, ignored orders to land and repeated signals from the Israeli pilots. The plane's windows were curtained, making it impossible for the Israeli pilots to see the passengers. And so the order to force it down was given.

Was the order justified? Hindsight being what it is, perhaps not, in the light of what occurred in seconds after the fatal order was given. The commander on the ground did not know that the strange plane was filled with civilian passengers. It could have been a plane loaded with potential death for hundreds, perhaps thousands of Israeli citizens.

The men and women who died in the wreckage of their plane were victims of the undeclared war which has long plagued the Middle East. They were not the targets of a deliberate, calculated act, as were the Israeli athletes at Munich, or the civilian victims slaughtered at Lod Airport.

Israel has acknowledged its share of responsibility, and rightly refuses to assume the entire burden of guilt. Those nations that have been quick to denounce the Jewish state are not serving the cause of peace.

An elected community council has much to offer in service

Once again the controversial question of a possible merger between the United Jewish Welfare Fund and the Canadian Jewish Congress has surfaced in Toronto, and as is to be expected, the division of thinking on the subject is wide and deep.

Mr. Phil Granovsky, had no sooner accepted the presidency of the UJWF several weeks ago than he was urging the Welfare Fund to become more streamlined, either through a merger with Congress or by implementing Bylaw 100 which calls for the creation of an elected Jewish community council.

Congress officials take a dim view of the merger proposal and the chairman of the Central Region, David Satok, said he had not changed his view that the structure should not be altered. Other officers of Congress said such a merger would create a giant corporation which would prove more costly and less efficient than two separate organizations and would not save time and effort.

No doubt there is much to be said on both sides, but the question that has to be settled is whether a Toronto Jewish Community Council involving both the Welfare Fund and Congress, has more going for it than it has against it. We incline to the belief that its good points outweigh any defects, and that these two bodies should open a dialogue that will lead to positive action.

It is interesting to note that a Jewish Community Council has been established in Winnipeg and affiliation with the CJC is a key point in the terms of the approved merger proposal. The merger memorandum was approved by a joint meeting of Congress regional and local council members and Welfare Fund board members.

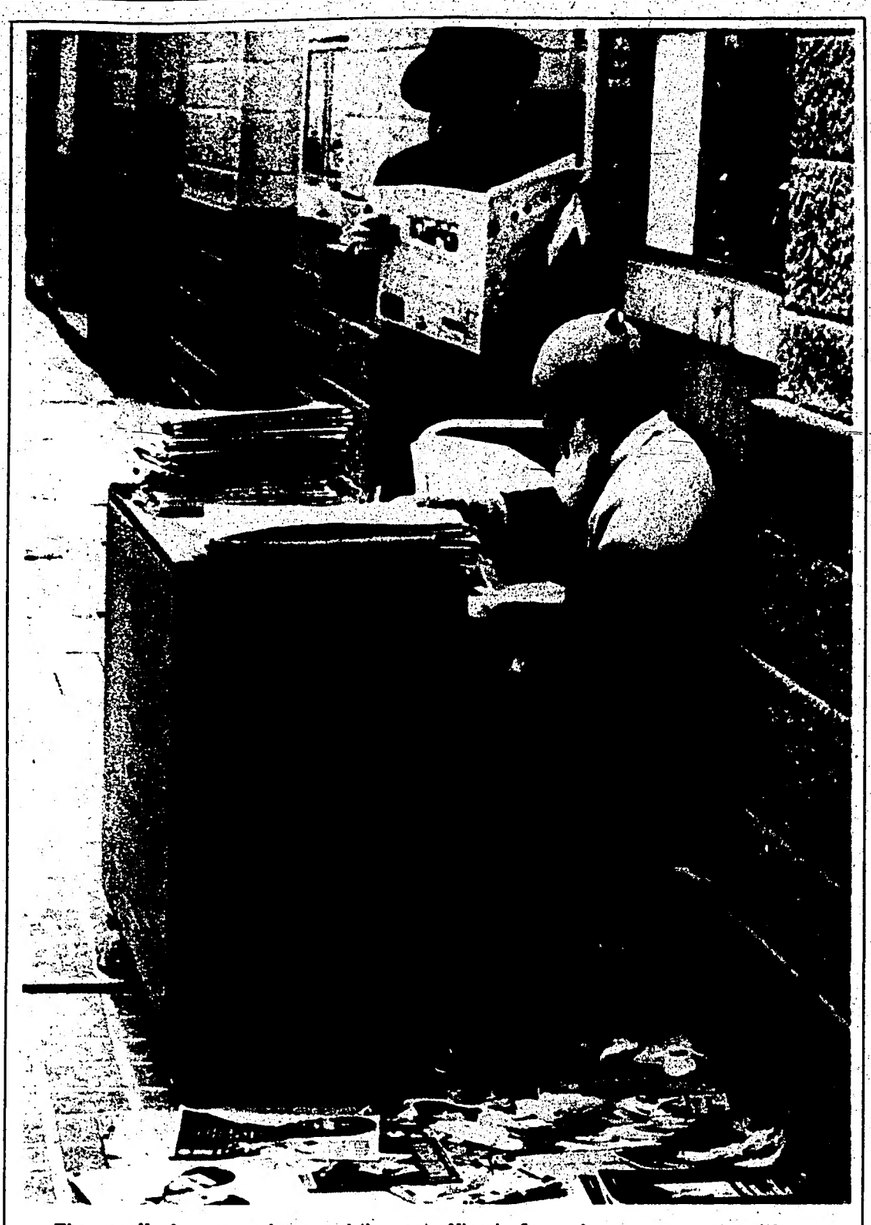
Mr. Granovsky's view that a more representative body is required in the Jewish community, one that will not be handicapped by duplication of staff and duplication of expenditures and time and effort, is entitled to more than an offhand dismissal.

In his 1971 presidential report, Donald Carr, with a lawyer's ability to marshal facts, said: "Toronto must have a Jewish Community Council because it cannot exist corporately without it. The council must be formed as a new entity within the CJC." And then Mr. Carr made this significant statement: "Leaders of the UJWF are prepared to submerge the Welfare Fund in this new entity which will be fully representative of every local Jewish organization and the public at large, founded on a democratic annual election-a true parliament of Toronto Jewry."

If the Welfare Fund is prepared to yield its right of independent action for the sake of the larger good, then it is not unreasonable to expect Congress to adopt a similar stance. A community council embracing not only the Welfare Fund and Congress but all Jewish organizations, is, to our mind, what real democracy is all about. We are not inferring that Congress has not performed worthwhile service as the official voice of Canadian Jewry, quite the contrary. But, we are suggesting that it can be an even more valuable instrument as part of a community council. Similarly, the Welfare Fund would profit from a close working relationship with Congress and the other bodies, and the priorities would become more meaningful.

Congress and Welfare Fund officials have inaugurated high level meetings to discuss common problems, and this is all to the good. But these are in the nature of ad hoc sessions and fall far short of meeting the needs as outlined by Mr. Granovsky and Mr. Carr.

If Congress still feels that it can best operate as a completely separate entity, it will be up to the Welfare Fund either to rescind Bylaw 100, or implement it and create the Toronto Jewish Community Council-without Congress. We hope this does not come to pass, for a community council minus the total involvement of Congress would be handicapped from the outset.



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Tekoah tribute

'The Arabs could use him'

By YITZHAK RABI
JTA UN Correspondent
NEW YORK (JTA)-

During the debate on the Middle East last year in the United Nations General Assembly, Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah once again, as he had on many occasions before, presented an impassioned plea for peace in the Middle East.

"It is with regret," he began, in clear and measured tone, "that we are again entering upon a debate on the Middle East situation. This is a feeling shared by all who have the cause of peace at heart. Public discussions of the Israel-Arab conflict in the United Nations have been characterized throughout the years by polemical exchanges consummated in controversial, one-sided resolution which multiplied differences and heightened tensions."

Several of the Arab delegates sat back in their chairs consumed with apathy. One Soviet delegate scanned some papers on his desk. A delegate from the People's Republic of China stared languidly into space.

Speeches by the Arab-Soviet block following Tekoah's presentation indicated they had listened with deaf ears. So far as they were concerned it was just one more "speech," a replay of the "Zionist propaganda machine."

In view of this, why does Israel remain in the UN, what does it hope to achieve there? Tekoah was asked these questions during an interview. "The goal of Israel in the United Nations," he said, "is to declare its policy from this international stage. But mainly, it is to prevent the UN from becoming an efficient tool in the political battle that the Arabs are waging against Israel. We must reach the point where UN discussions about Israel are at a minimum. The Arabs automatically have a majority in the UN and this factor dictates our actions and goals."

Tekoah noted that Israel's situation in the world body is especially difficult "when we consider that in addition to the 18 Arab delegations there are also 11 pro-Soviet delegations and 15 Moslem delegations who are co-operating with the cause of the Arabs." The Israeli diplomat and statesman, who had his first assignment in the UN in 1947, said "Israel's goal is to neutralize as much as possible the Arab parliamentary majority, to reduce the UN's dealings with Israel, and to let the Arabs know that they can't harm Israel or influence her with endless complaints."

Tekoah, who was born in Russia, spent his childhood and early youth in China. He received a law degree in Shanghai, then studied at Harvard where he taught international law in 1947 and 1948. In 1948 he served with the Israeli delegation to the UN, was ambassador to Brazil from 1960-62, and served as ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1962-65. He is multi-lingual and is at home in English, French, Russian, Chinese and, of course, Hebrew, the language in which he conducted the interview.

Asked whether Israel has ever considered decreasing its activities in the UN, the 47-year-old diplomat responded that this course would not be acceptable to either the Israeli government or the Israeli public. "One does not leave a difficult front," he asserted. "You have to stand firm and hit back." To a certain extent, the feeling is that our delegation in the General Assembly is too small. Between one Assembly session and the next there are many issues which demand attention. Israel has a six-member delegation. But there are as many as 180 members in the Arab delegations and hundreds of Soviet and Moslem delegates who are hostile to Israel."

The Israeli diplomat, who was appointed in 1968 as permanent representative to the UN, was asked to assess the differences between Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and his predecessor, U Thant. "I think the main difference is that Waldheim tends more to political thinking, while Thant viewed problems more narrowly and acted more on the basis of UN formalities."

Tekoah, through the years, has developed his own style of delivery, one that frequently nettles the opponents of the Jewish State His presentations are always lucid, logical and filled with historical references that illuminate the topic under discussion. He is always, in the words of one admirer, "unflappable and unruffled." Quite frequently visitors in the gallery applaud Tekoah as he reduces to a shambles the emotional invectives of the Arab-Soviet bloc spokesman. On delegate said recently, "The Arabs could use someone like Tekoah to present their cause." The compliment, ironically, missed the point. In the final analysis the eloquence of Yosef Tekoah is not the principle of delivery but the delivery of principle.

ask the rabbi

Fundamentalists claim salvation when conversion is carried out

A Christian clergymen, in a sermon recently reported in the press, said that final salvation will come to the world when the Jews accept the message of Jesus and the Gospels. I understand that this view is gaining increasing support among Christians, particularly those who believe in "dialogue" with Judaism. What is your reaction to this view?

RESPONSE:

How can a rabbi react otherwise to the view you mention than entirely to repudiate it? The Jew who believes in his own religion cannot hold at the same time that Jews will one day "accept the message of Jesus and the Gospels." Even those Jewish teachers, like Maimonides, who see Christianity as part of the divine plan for mankind, understand this to mean that Christian teachings have helped prepare the world for the full acceptance eventually of the teachings of Judaism. No Jewish teacher has ever dreamed of seeing it the other way round. Nor is it true that the view you mention is gaining increasing support among Christians who believe in "dialogue" with Judaism. It is grossly unfair to suspect these worthy men of having ulterior motives. While, no doubt, human nature being what it is, some advocates of "dialogue" may have unconscious missionary ambitions, there are many who quite sincerely feel that the time has come when Christianity can learn from Judaism, especially in the areas of regard for the law and social concern. From my reading of the situation it seems that only fundamentalist Christians look forward to the hope to which you refer and they do so because of their literalist interpretations of the Bible.

Letters

Rabbi praised for his views on ecumenism

Dear Editor:

Rabbi Dr. J. Immanuel Schochet's letter (Feb. 16/73) stating his stand on Christian-Jewish dialogue was like a ray of sunshine after years of feeling annoyed with synagogues and rabbis for providing a pulpit for Christian theologians. I feel a great sense of relief that some rabbis at last feel free to express opposing views.

There is nothing we can do to help Christians reduce their prejudices, nor do we have anything to learn from them. Anti-Semitism is a Christian problem, perpetuated by them, not by us. They can't reduce their skin prejudices even though Blacks, Yellows and Reds have agreed to become their Christian brothers.

They preach "Love thy brother as thyself" but haven't yet learned that the ability to love another is dependent on accepting individual differences.

Mollie Posen (Mrs. L.)
Toronto

Were Orthodox only casualties?

Dear Editor:

Rabbi Immanuel Schochet in a recent story in a local daily newspaper on intermarriage and conversion, was quoted as saying that "Reform rabbis aren't really rabbis because they are not observant."

This causes me to wonder whether Hitler and his henchman questioned the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust as to their religious denominational affiliation before putting them to death.

Similarly, of the several thousand Jews who lost their lives in Palestine and later Israel since the early 1900's, I do not recall that only Orthodox Jews were casualties.

Unfortunately, in neither case did the Nazis or the Arabs use Rabbi Schocket's criterion of who is a Jew, let alone, who is a rabbi.

Jay Jacobs
Downsview, Ont.

Jews have been fully accepted into Spanish society

A 37-year-old Israeli agent, Baruch Cohen, was shot down in the streets of Madrid recently. Madrid is reported to have become a centre for activity by the Black September Arab terrorist group. The JCNS asked its Madrid correspondent to report on today's Spanish Jewry.

By LINDA H. TILLER
MADRID (JCNS)-

There are about 10,000 Jews in Spain, most of them in Barcelona (3,500) followed by Madrd (2,500), Malaga, Marbella, Seville, Valencia, the Canary Islands, Ceuta and Alicante. The latter two communities have only existed for a year.

All the communities have synagogues (Barcelona has two-one Sephardi and one Ashkenazi), though some are merely prayer houses in private homes. Other synagogues such as at Madrid and Ceuta were especially built as community centres.

Today the Jewish communities in Spain are recognized according to a law passed in 1967 granting religious liberty. Jews are fully accepted in Spanish society.

Shortly before the Second World War, the first Jewish refugees arrived in Barcelona, coming mostly from Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. These were the first important groups of Jews to enter Spain since the expulsion act of 1492.

However, great numbers of Jews only began to arrive in Spain during the war itself. Most of them settled in Barcelona. Spain, within the limits of possibility, tried to save as many Sephardim as possible from the hands of the Nazis.

On Dec. 14, 1943 the Spanish Embassy in Berlin received an order from Madrid to try to save a group of Jews from the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. As a result the first group of Sephardim arrived in Spain on Feb. 9, 1944. This group of 162 was followed shortly by a further 983, all much debilitated.

The first synagogue to be re-opened was in Barcelona-in 1946. The first new synagogue to be built was opened in Madrid on Dec. 16, 1968. The same day the Spanish ministry of justice issued a law legalising Madrid's Jewish community.

Samuel Toledano, then vice-president of the Madrid community, collected the law from the ministry. Toledano was in fact a direct descendant of the rabbi of Toledo who received the expulsion act from the Catholic monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella nearly 500 years ago in 1492. Many of the rights obtained for the Jews of Spain in the post-war period have been due to the work of Max Mazin, president of the Madrid community for 17 years.

The most recent wave of immigrants to Spain has been from Morocco. It began with that country's independence in 1965 and was strengthened in 1967 as a result of the Six Day War. Most of these Moroccan Jews settled in Madrid, though some moved on to Canada. The movement from Morocco to Spain is still continuing.

Police minister defends prisons

By RUTH RAZIEL
LONDON (JCFNS)-

It's not easy to see Israel's Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, as a James Bond type. He's dark, diminutive, 50, with the thin, tired look of an over-worked Israeli official. Which he is.

Yet, thanks to his cloak and dagger activities as "Mr. Armstrong" behind the lines in his native Iraq, there are many of his former countrymen alive and well in Israel today who might otherwise have died.

All that was in the years during and immediately following Israel's War of Independence. As minister of police, he was in London to stir potential donors for Israel's urgent housing and other needs.

I found him, between speaking commitments, in a London hotel, ready, in a business-like way, to put into perspective some of the "exaggerated reports" circulating in the West about life in his country.

It was clear he took a particularly poor view of Jews, who, he said, bandied about fanciful stories of social inequalities, tortures, drug-taking and other evils. "They look for cracks in Israeli society to justify not going to live there," he shot out, bitterly. The facts, he said, are these:

"All prisons where Arab terrorists are kept are constantly supervised by the International Red Cross. There is not a single prison, cell or prisoner with whom the Red Cross is not in constant contact. They can visit every cell without the participation of Israeli officials."

Hillel admitted there had been overcrowding in prisons for Arab terrorists. "In one period 3,000 to 5,000 terrorists had been detained, compared to less than 2,000 ordinary prisoners. But there are now just 2,500 terrorists imprisoned, the sentences of lesser offenders having been shortened."

The minister explained that under emergency regulations, still in force, a military chief of staff can imprison terrorists without trial. "But a judiciary committee looks into these cases at least once every six months," he pointed out. When times are quiet, he said, there are fewer prisoners and they stay for shorter periods of time.

SHLOMO HILLEL

He's not the James Bond type.

"Prisoners get very humane treatment," he asserted. "Their food is the same Israeli soldiers eat, they have many kinds of paid work to do and they can continue their studies and sit examinations in prison."

No class system was developing, with Oriental Jews at the bottom, Hillel stated with emphasis. It was true that 30 per cent of Orientals were in sub-standard housing compared to 10 per cent Ashkenazim. But this, he claimed, was the result of bigger Oriental families.

Most Oriental Jews arrived in Israel in the early years of the state when little housing was available. In the '50s when they were transferred from transit camps to apartments these seemed at the time to be the best possible. He was confident, however, that with $1.25 billion, the housing problem could be solved in five years.

Education would take longer. Children of the many Oriental families sent to border villages had suffered from inadequate schooling. But all who finish high school, he pointed out, are now exempted from six months army service to join a pre-academic year of special studies to prepare them for university.

However, the Sephardi Jews of Israel needed, not an equal, but a more-than-equal chance for advancement with their Ashkenazi co-nationals. In that way, the minister claimed, the material and educational gap would be closed.

Did one vote help change the life of Lorne Greene?

By HORACE BROWN

It's a cliche that life is a series of happenstances. As with most cliches, it's true.

Lorne Greene has done pretty well for himself in this world, as fame is counted in the fields of entertainment. A familiar figure to all, a millionaire several times over, this Canadian reaped a deserved "Bonanza" from the "Ponderosa."

The story is familiar: how the one-time "Voice of Doom" of Canadian radio invented a stopwatch (which is still one of the best in the business), took it to New York, was walking down Fifth Avenue when he met a friend who told him Kit Cornell (another Canadian of an earlier vintage) was casting for a Broadway production of **Barretts of Wimpole Street**, and why didn't Lorne apply for an audition? Lorne did, was accepted, and the rest is showbiz.

What is not so generally known is that Lorne was walking around New York because he did not win an election back home.

It was the late 40s, and the natives of radioland were restless. Certainly, there were few more exploited persons in Canada than those who were making Canadian radio world-famous.

Some of us had banded together into the Radio Artists of Toronto Society... the RATS. Corny but true.

When the RATS began to bite a little, we took another step, and decided to form the Association of Canadian Radio Artists... A.C.R.A. The familiar "T" came later, because, of course, there was no television, then, strange as that may seem to those who have forgotten there was ever a time before the idiot box.

ACRA was founded in 1943 at a meeting in the King Edward Hotel. After the 250 prospective members had overwhelmingly voted in favor of forming a union, the next order of business was the choosing of our first president. Two names were nominated: Earle Grey and Lorne Greene. The ballots were passed around. I volunteered as one of two scrutineers. I cannot remember who was my counterpart.

The scrutineers began separating the votes into two piles. It was somewhat magical. The piles remained even.

We began a tally. When we finished, we looked at one another; and automatically began a recount. It came out the same way.

Earle Grey had received 127 votes. Lorne Greene had 126 ballots cast in his favor.

By a quirk of fate, Lorne Greene was not present at the meeting. A job had taken him to North Bay, and the show must go on.

Had he been there, the result would have at least been a tie. In all likelihood, he would, by his presence, have been a winner.

My fellow scrutineer and I decided to keep the count to ourselves, merely announcing the result. Whether he did or not, I do not know; this is the first time I have broken silence on the matter.

Earle Grey was a very good first president of ACRA, but I cannot help speculating on what would have happened had Lorne Greene been elected instead.

Lorne was the type of person who threw everything he had into a job he was doing. The presidency was a big task. I am sure he would not have found time to go to New York. I am not at all certain that he would have found his bonanza on the Ponderosa.

It makes an ex-politician feel a little better about not getting enough votes to be elected.

And still more Yiddish blossoms

By J.B. SALSBERG

A promise is a promise. Last week I undertook to offer another handful of Yiddish blossoms that I gathered in mid-winter from our snow-covered terrain. So, regardless of the clamor of current political events for comment, I return from the cold with anothers small bouquet to place on your Sabbath table.

1. The three-day Yiddish festivals in Toronto have become firmly established as a cultural happening of the year in these parts. The 1973 festival-at the end of May-will surpass all previous ones. Hold your breath...

2. At the Toronto Yiddish conference last spring an English-speaking branch of the Canadian Jewish Congress committee on Yiddish was established. It has since become the most active and enthusiastic section of the entire Yiddish enterprise.

Is this a contradiction? Not at all! What these younger people have in common is that they all are essentially English-speaking and they are equally convinced that Yiddish is a major key to the opening of the doors to the social and cultural past of their parents and grandparents who lived their lives in a world of Yiddish. Yiddish is their primary pathway in the search of their past, their roots. Actually it is this awakened interest in the Jewish past-characteristic especially of many of our young intellectuals and students-that gives substance and vitality to the work of the Congress committees on Yiddish.

How does an English-speaking committee for Yiddish work? Very simply: some of them spoke Yiddish quite fluently beforehand, others do so haltingly; some do not speak the language at all but understand it moderately but all are determined to master it. Their progress is most gratifying. For, after all, Chaim Bialik, the great Hebrew poet, said: "Hebrew is spoken but Yiddish speaks by itself (Yiddish ret zich alein)."

3. Yiddish language instruction has entered new areas. In addition to the new Yiddish course at the University of Toronto new Yiddish classes for our children have been introduced in some schools-especially those of the Conservative synagogue sector. The Workmen's Circle Peretz school and the Borochov school conducted by the Borochov movement, teach Yiddish from the first grade. The Bialik day school, of the Farband, teaches Yiddish in the higher grades. The United Synagogue day school (Conservative), at Beth Tzedec, now teaches Yiddish in six classes, attended by some 120 children. The afternoon school at Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda has begun to teach Yiddish in two classes this winter. The Adath Israel congregational school teaches Yiddish in one class. Both of the latter congregations are Conservative. (May they all be protected from an evil-eye. Amen.)

Yiddish classes are also continued this winter at Hillel and the northern "Y". All of this is far from good but the trend is significant and the trend is definitely upward and is broadening. Halvai oif vayter...

4. A new promise arises also from the largest Jewish religious day school-the Associated.

A couple of years ago some 75 pupils petitioned the school for the introduction of a course in Yiddish. A compromise was reached when the students agreed to attend such a class after the regular school hours and the class functioned throughout that school year. But it was not renewed by the school administration in the following year.

Now we are informed that a new petition for a Yiddish course was circulated by Associated students. This is a most welcome development-especially since the students were neither prompted nor encouraged by any outside influence. What is equally encouraging is the assurance of the school authorities that Yiddish will definitely be taught in the coming school term at the Associated. Congratulations!

Isn't all this information heart-warming? For those who may need a little extra help to warm up let me cite this positively wonderful happening.

Miss Veronica Lyons, a non-Jewish, West Indian member of Baycrest (home for the aged) staff enrolled as a student in the Yiddish class when it was launched. This is what she writes: "... when the course was offered I thought this is just what I need; to be able to express myself in simple sentences like 'Gut morgn: Haynt iz a sheyner tog'... but I have learned the alphabet and can also write.

Well, isn't this stimulating? It should be. Of course this doesn't signify that summer has arrived for Yiddish in our midst. But it does make our long, snowy winter-as far as Yiddish goes-a little easier to bear, doesn't it? In fact one may be pardoned for saying that spring may not be far behind...

Experts say Israel faces crisis over her fast-depleting water resources

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Tel Aviv Correspondent
TEL AVIV-

Israel's water reserves are fast being depleted and those remaining are being poisoned, according to leading experts in agriculture and medicine.

The water on the coastal plain will be unfit for human consumption within 10 or 15 years, predicted Prof. Dan Hillel of the Hebrew University recently. Babies living in cities there should be given bottled water to drink during their first six months Hillel told members of the Knesset Ecology Committee at a meeting in Jerusalem.

Prof. Hillel Shuval of the Hebrew University's medical school, added that many of the wells in the coastal region were already over the maximum of nitrate concentration permitted, and the concentrations were increasing every year. At this rate, he said, all the wells (one third of Israel's water supply), will be unfit for human use within a decade or so.

Hillel blamed the increasing nitrates and other poisons on "unregulated and uncoordinated" agricultural activity. The farmers and the ministry of agriculture have not thought about the effects of the fertilizers and insecticides on the local water tables he contended.

Air travellers over Tel Aviv have often claimed that the sea color in the area ranges from a yellowy-green to a muddy brown because of the sewage flowing into the Mediterranean from that city.

Swimming off the Tel Aviv coast, Prof. Shuval said, is "like having a cup of sewage in your bath." Prof. Shuval, who is head of the medical school's Environmental Health Laboratory, stated that the water at this city's beaches is sometimes as much as one per cent sewage. Polio viruses have been found in the sea water there, he added.

The beaches of Israel are not only hit by sewage pollution but also from tar and oil discharged, or spilled by ships at sea.

This is spreading on to the once beautiful beaches of the occupied territories.

When this reporter went to El Arish recently to a beach called "Hof Hasarah" on the Sinai coast my shoes were caked with tar after a 10 minute walk along the sands.

The Israeli Ports Authority is to conduct a survey on pollution caused by phosphates blown about while ships are being loaded with the material for export.

The Coral reefs in Eilat and down the coast to Sharm el Sheik are in danger because of oil spills.

Ashkelon, where Samson destroyed the Philistine temple, once had a lovely beach. Now, thanks to the new facilities for loading oil tankers there, that, too, is in danger of destruction.

Poisoned wells and oceans are not the only ecological problems facing Israel.

The Reading power station in Tel Aviv emits dense clouds of gases nightly. The brick factory near Ramle on the way to Jerusalem pours smoke over the Valley of Ayalon where Joshua once made the moon stand still. The Nesher cement works near the Carmel Mountains and the city of Haifa spew over 100 tons of cement dust into the air daily according to the reports of various ecological experts.

Now Nesher, backed by its owners, the powerful Histadrut Labor Federation, wants to appropiate a huge section of the Carmel national park for new quarries.

And they will probably get their wish and proceed to carve huge valleys to get at the limestone.

There is admittedly a cement shortage in Israel but experts at the Technion in Haifa (Israel's MIT) feel that other sources would be found if the national park were to be declared off limits.

But all this will probably go by the board and Nesher will most likely get the permission it wants.

Inside the cities fumes from traffic-especially the big diesel buses-grow worse day by day and every attempt to regulate and control the pollution is hamstrung by politicians.

The only body which appears to be seriously fighting pollution in Israel is "MALRAZ" a public organization which may shortly close its doors because of financial difficulties.

The head of MALRAZ told **The Canadian Jewish News** that all his attempts to have the police implement existing regulations have failed.

"When we reached a state where the laws could easily be implemented," David Oren said, "the bus companes, Egged and Dan, used their political pull to have the laws repealed. Now when a policeman or citizen insists that a specific bus was causing pollution the vehicle has to be tested on a special machine. Where is the machine? In the bus companies' garages. Who does the testing? The companies themselves. That is the present ridiculous situation."

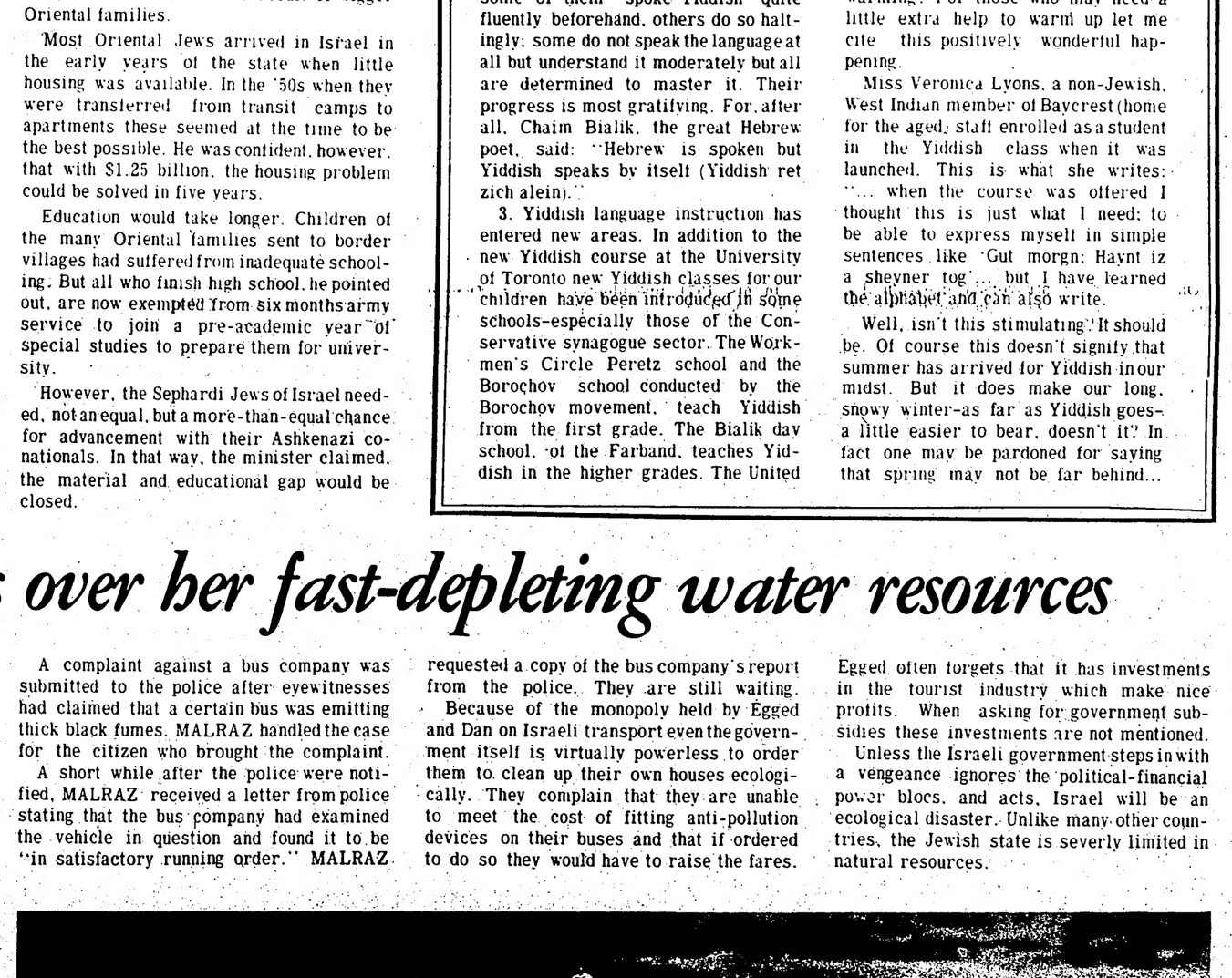
A complaint against a bus company was submitted to the police after eyewitnesses had claimed that a certain bus was emitting thick black fumes. MALRAZ handled the case for the citizen who brought the complaint.

A short while after the police were notified, MALRAZ received a letter from police stating that the bus company had examined the vehicle in question and found it to be "in satisfactory running order." MALRAZ requested a copy of the bus company's report from the police. They are still waiting.

Because of the monopoly held by Egged and Dan on Israeli transport even the government itself is virtually powerless to order them to clean up their own houses ecologically. They complain that they are unable to meet the cost of fitting anti-pollution devices on their buses and that if ordered to do so they would have to raise the fares.

Egged often forgets that it has investments in the tourist industry which make nice profits. When asking for government subsidies these investments are not mentioned.

Unless the Israeli government steps in with a vengeance ignores the political-financial power blocs, and acts, Israel will be an ecological disaster. Unlike many other countries, the Jewish state is severly limited in natural resources.



Israelis may not be able to enjoy their water resources too much longer with impunity, according to scientists. Professor Dan Hillel of Hebrew University put the blame for part of the problem on "unregulated and unco-ordinated" agricultural activity. (IPPA)

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

UJA CALLING

Agreeing with the slogan that "telephoning is the next best thing," the women's division of UJA-ISF hopes to raise close to $100,000 for the 1973 campaign through a series of Sunday telethons. About 100 volunteers, from young marrieds to grandmothers have been manning the phones from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to try to reach 7,000 of Toronto's Jewish women who are not usually contacted in person. Before the phone canvassers get to work they are briefed by telethon co-chairmen Esther Exton and Joan Lipson.

B.B. COVENANT BREAKFAST

About 1,000 B'nai B'rith members are expected to be on hand for their 18th annual Toronto Regional Council Covenant Breakfast set for this Sunday, March 4, at 9 a.m. at the New Murray House on Steeles Ave. This year's event honors the 50th anniversary of both the BB Youth Organization and Hillel Foundation; Israel's 25th anniversary as well as that of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews-CCCJ president Rev. Richard Jones is to be one of the keynote speakers; and the 10th anniversary of the Canadian BB District # 22. Keynote speaker will be Oscar Goldstein of New York, representing the organization's District # 1 Grand Lodge.

CHILDREN'S DANCE FESTIVAL

Rikudiyah, the children's Israeli dance festival sponsored by the YMHA in co-operation with the Board of Jewish Education, involves 200 children (12 years and under) from 12 participating groups from schools, synagogues and organizations. The festival takes place Sunday afternoon, March 4, at Northview Heights Collegiate, Finch Ave. W. The program is under the direction of Teme Kernerman.

BAGS OF FUN

How does a trip to Israel, or a holiday for two on the Cote d'Azur, or a work of art grab you? Well, they are only three of the many exciting items up for bids at the Gala Fun Evening and Auction planned by the Parents' Association of the Associated Hebrew Schools for Saturday, March 3.

JEWS AND THE WEST

The Monday, March 5th segment of the **Gunsmoke** television series will deal with a Jewish theme. Entitled **This Golden Land**, it is the story of an immigrant Russian Jewish family who maintain their religious principles despite great pressure. In addition to the fact that the writer is Jewish, the producers called in Uri Hirsch, principal of the Hillel Academy Talmud Torah Hebrew School in Beverley Hills, to help supervise the shooting of the religious content of the film.

Dr. Cyrus Gordon

GREAT WEEKEND

This weekend Dr. Cyrus Gordon, chairman of the department of Mediterranean studies at Brandeis University is to be the visiting professor at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Saturday morning, March 3, his subject will be **Archaeological Light on the Bible**. Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. he will discuss **Before Columbus: Jews in the New World**. His final talk will be Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m. when he speaks on **Israel's Involvement with the Sea**. All lectures are open to the public.

A VISIT TO CJN

A group of grade 9 students of Bialik Hebrew Day School along with teacher Nira Malis visited **The CJN** offices recently. They used **The CJN** as a source of information for their current events studies and they dropped by for a behind-the-scene look at what makes the newspaper tick! Some of the comments?–They found it all very interesting, suggested a column geared to young readers–and how about a comic strip or two? Jewish style of course.

TEMPLE HOSTS U. OF T. CHOIR

The University of Toronto 90-member choir, under the direction of Lloyd Bradshaw of the faculty of music, is presenting two major musical works at Holy Blossom Temple on Friday evening, March 9: **Chichester Psalms** by Leonard Bernstein (so named as the work was commissioned by the Dean of Chichester Cathedral) who chose various texts from the Psalms to be sung in Hebrew for chorus and soloists; and **The Last Judgement** by Lazar Weiner, based on the classic short story **Bontche Schweig**. Worship services begin at 8:25 p.m. and the concert to follow.

Why did Virginia learn Hebrew?

By MOURA WOLPERT
HAMILTON–

Nineteen-year-old Virginia Corsini is learning Hebrew. Well, a little, anyway.

And why should a nice Italian Catholic girl want to learn Hebrew? So that she can say at least a few words to–her senior citizens, of course.

Virginia was one of about 35 volunteers who were given awards for their work at a recent brunch held in their honor at Hamilton's Jewish Community Centre.

As a second-year Mohawk College social services student, Virginia was assigned to the Jewish Centre last September for her field work and since then has been in charge of home visiting, one of three separate programs run by the social services committee. The largest group of volunteers takes care of kosher meals-on-wheels, another–is in the process of organizing a telephone touch program, while Virginia has 14 volunteers, including four non-Jewish students, working under her leadership.

"She is a great asset and has been doing a lovely job," says Sheila Burman, chairman of the social services volunteer committee. "She has a wonderful rapport with both the old people and volunteers as well as great organizing ability."

Virginia and her Jewish senior citizens have become great friends and when her job ends in a few weeks' time, they will miss each other.

Having Jewish friends is nothing new to Virginia, who formed close friendships with several Jewish girls she met through her brother, Ron, who was 'lucky enough' to go to a regular high school while she, regretfully, led a very sheltered life at Cathedral High School for Girls.

What does surprise her is the extent to which she has become involved with the Jewish community, giving a good deal more of her time than the two days a week she is supposed to put in.

A vivacious and intelligent girl with a warm smile, Virginia is particularly pleased with the ready acceptance she has found everywhere. "I had some understanding of Jewish culture and customs before but this job has given me far more insight."

She tells with amusement of the old lady who would have none of that nonsense that she wasn't Jewish and insisted Virginia take a Yiddish newspaper home to read!

And it is with pride that she says she was one of the representatives of Jewish volunteer services at a recent meeting with an Italian group to discuss the setting up of similar services for the Italian community.

"It gave me a nice feeling to be able to say we are friends. It has been a marvellous experience and I wish more of us would do this."

End isolation, Jews are told by professor

By PETER LANDORY
TORONTO–

The Jewish community must end its attempts at isolation, advocates a well-known Hebrew educator.

Dr. Avraham Holtz, dean of academic development and professor of Hebrew literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, feels that Jews must admit the influence of Christianity in their lives and view it objectively, if they are to cope with the problems it presents.

Speaking last Sunday at the Jewish Public Library in a program sponsored by the Jewish Board of Education, Holtz indicated that Jews must have "interchange" with Christianity in order to deal with mutual problems. At the same time, however, he underscored the gravity of the challenge posed by Christian conversion programs.

"I take Key '73 (a year-long evangelical conversion program) very seriously," he said, and he went on to stress the need for both short and long-term programs to combat Christian overtures.

He told the audience that it is unrealistic to think Jews can avoid contact with the Christian advances–"It is a fact of life that nowhere are we sheltered. Our children come into daily contact with it; it filters into our homes, our schools, even the Yeshiva is not free from the threat of invasion."

Holtz indicated that "education aimed at motivation is required to prevent drifting away of our youth."

A proponent of the theories of Avraham Heschel, he stressed the solution lies not so much in intensifying religious training, as in the right approach to that which is already being taught.

He feels Jewish educators have a tendency to dismiss parts of our basic teachings as irrelevant. One group for example stresses Agadah to the exclusion of Halacha, others the reverse.

The other side of the situation is to be aware of the methods used to win over young Jews in order to be able to cope with the situation. "We have to read what they read," Holtz told a very concerned and vocal audience.

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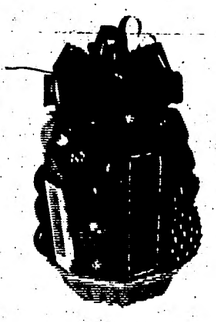
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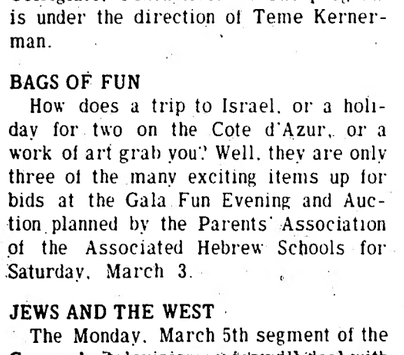

When the **George Gershwin** stamp was issued in the U.S. this week it was the first time in many years that the country had honored a Jewish personality on a stamp. The 8¢ issue shows a representation of his folk opera **Porgy and Bess** superimposed on a profile of the American composer. The writer of such classics as **Rhapsody in Blue** and **An American in Paris** died at the height of his popularity in 1937. He was 38-years-old. His brother, **Ira Gershwin**, the well-known lyricist, was on hand for the ceremonies when the stamp was first issued in California.

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Presently on vacation in Hawaii, **David Steinhauer** has just retired as co-ordinator of cultural exchange programs with the Ontario ministry of education. The retirement comes after a long-time career in education that includes teaching French in high schools, head of the department and school inspector.

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In his spare time, **Arnold Ages**, a professor of French literature at the University of Waterloo, has written a book that covers the Jewish communities of France, Germany and Russia since their emancipation. The book is called **The Diaspora Dimension** and is set for publication by a publishing firm in The Hague.

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Tonight marks the opening of **David Latchman**'s photography exhibit. The 23-year-old Torontonian has been a student of photography, both still and cinema, for the past four years and has exhibited in group shows in several galleries in town. He also had a one-man-show at the Forest Hill Library last year. As for the show at the temple-Mexico and Kensington Market are the locales for his new color work, and the display runs for the rest of the month.

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Susan Cohen, the free-lance writer who became CHIN radio's first daily arts commentator and theatre reviewer last week, is the daughter of the late **Nathan Cohen**, the highly-regarded drama critic with **The Toronto Star**.

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Toronto attorney **Albert Strauss**' recent election as president of the 3,200-member County of York Law Association for 1973 is a case of son following in his father's footsteps! His father, **Nathan Strauss** held that position in 1960.

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Apartheid opponent **Helen Suzman**, the sole representative of the Opposition Progressive Party in the South African parliament, is the recipient of an honorary doctorate from Oxford University. Incidentally, Mrs. Suzman, who sees this as an honor "Not only for me but for all those on whose behalf I have been speaking for 20 years," is the aunt of English actress **Janet Suzman**, Alexandra in last year's film, **Nicholas and Alexandra**.

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It is interesting to note the fact that **Henry Kissinger** is Jewish didn't stop a Beirut newspaper from naming him its 1972 man of the year.

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Jacob Stein of New York continues for an additional one year term as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. The Presidents Conference represents 30 national Jewish organizations and acts as spokesman for the American Jewish community on matters relating to Israel and other foreign affairs. Mr. Stein is also president of the United Synagogue, national laymen's organization of Conservative Judaism.

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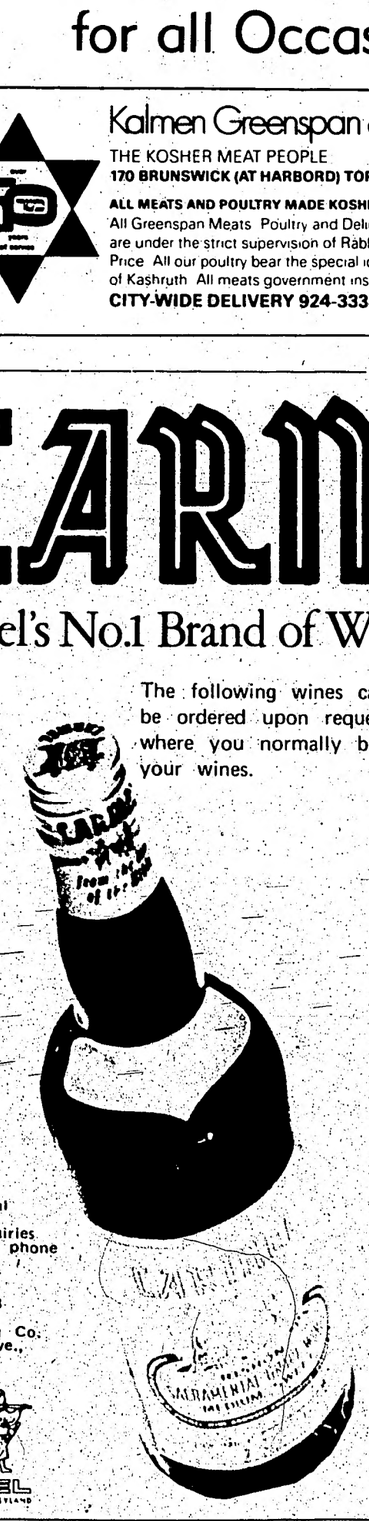
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Association urges supermarkets to provide delivery for elderly

TORONTO—The Association of Senior Clubs, which represents 2,000 Toronto Jewish elderly, wants supermarkets to provide a delivery service for senior citizens at least one day a week.

In a letter to the managements of the various supermarket chains, the social action committee of the ASC said older people like to stock up as much as possible when they go shopping so they don't have to make too many trips to the store. "But," the letter states, "we are defeated in our efforts by our inability to carry home heavy and awkward parcels."

The social action committee states further that "this situation contributes to poor nutrition among the elderly. The foods which are most nutritious—fruits and vegetables, milk and meat—are also the most bulky. People who try to lighten their load often substitute crackers and freezer foods and their diet suffers in consequence."

The committee suggests a delivery service on orders of $5 and more, at least once a week.

One company, Food City, at Bathurst and Steeles, has already agreed to this suggestion and will make free deliveries on Tuesdays in the immediate vicinity of the store. The Association of Senior Clubs hopes the other food stores will fall in line.

The association operates under the auspices of Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly, a division of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, and is funded through the annual United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign. The ASC represents 10 senior citizens' clubs which operate in the Jewish community.

The ASC is trying also to convince the Toronto Transit Commission to provide more easily accessible transportation. Pointing out that public transportation "is of crucial importance to us," the ASC has made suggestions to the TTC to improve service for the elderly.

Elderly persons are forced to wait for buses to get their groceries home. Supermarket delivery is urged.

Jewish youngsters today decimated by spiritual poverty

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO—Jews today—particularly young people—are being "decimated by a spiritual poverty unlike any other time in our history," says Irving L. Block, associate professor of philosophy at the University of Western Ontario.

He said that today's youth, feeling their parents have failed to provide a proper spiritual heritage, are looking around for their answers elsewhere.

According to Professor Block, young people have recently started to notice that at the same time they are told there is no money for Yeshivas or Hebrew day schools there are funds for everything else.

Embittered and disillusioned, the young people, Prof. Block said, are turning to their parents and asking: "Why have you kept the Torah from us? How do you expect us to remain true to Judaism with a Sunday school type of Jewish learning?"

Prof. Block made his comments while speaking at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation during a recent weekend devoted to **An Encounter With Chabad**.

Both Prof. Block and Rabbi Henry Hoschander of Shaarei Shomayim feel the Lubavitcher movement is helping to fill the spiritual void in the life of today's youth.

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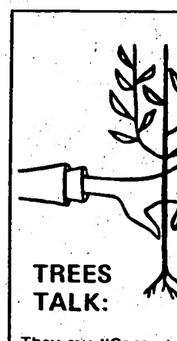

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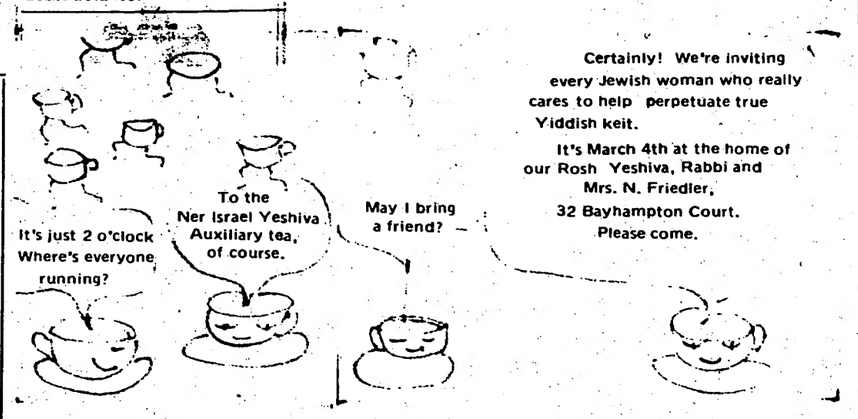
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Montrealer prepares show on Jerusalem

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL—

Steve Yuranyi, art director for CFCF Television in Montreal, returned from Israel recently after completing a series of sketches of returning Russian Jews—sketches which will be distributed to most Jewish communities in the world.

Assisted by Combined Jewish Appeal Public Relations Director Joe King, and El Al Airlines, Yuranyi also spent part of the time in Jerusalem in order to complete a tableaux of paintings he's done on the city.

He began his series on the last day of the Six Day War, while he was in Jerusalem, and now, five years later, he is preparing a show on the city for early September.

Budapest-born Yuranyi studied art and set design, but spent most of the war in a Hungarian concentration camp. In 1949 he left Munich to go on aliyah to Israel.

"When we first arrived in Israel we were given an old army cot and 12 Israeli pounds. Things are different now, more sophisticated and planned. I guess I expected more emotional outbursts from the Russian olim.

"But then, the artist's viewpoint demands more sentimentalism, but things are very much in control in Israel. I suppose I compared the Russian immigrants to the Magic Carpet olim of the early '50's."

While Yuranyi lived in Israel he designed the sets for a number of well-known Israeli theatres, and was the first art director to design an Israeli-made film. Ill health forced the Yuranyi family to move to the cooler climate of Canada.

So impressed was Otto Preminger with the artist's work, that the famous director hired Yuranyi to design the Israeli sets for **Exodus**.

"I think Jerusalem is the most exciting city in the world," he stated; "it's like a painter's paradise—even if you're not religious. If I would ever go back to Israel, I would settle in the old city.

"As for Russian Jewry," he pondered, "it is very hard for them. They are in quite a dilemma. They don't yet know what to do with all the freedom they have."

TV art director Steve Yuranyi says the city of Jerusalem is "like a painter's paradise—even if you're not religious."

Professor says

'Occult mysteries are a threat to Judaism'

By BRIAN STONEMAN
TORONTO—

The mysteries of the occult are a growing threat to Judaism, according to Prof. Louis H. Feldman, a professor of classics at Yeshiva University.

"Where it is fashionable on some campuses to look towards Jesus as a new religion, on others it is fashionable to look at the occult as a substitute religion," he told a capacity audience last weekend at the University of Toronto's Hillel House.

Feldman, speaking on **Judaism and the Occult** as part of the Hillel Lecture Series, said the occult, described by him as knowledge of the future and an attempt to change it, "has all the trappings of a counter religion."

This threat was overlooked during medieval times, he said, because Judaism was so strong it had no effect and because popular opinion strongly favored the occult.

In fact, Feldman said, "the rabbis tell us every man has a particular star under which he is born which determines his future. On the whole the attitude seems to be favorable to astrologers."

Feldman stressed, however, that the occult "with its emphasis on secrets seemed to deny the intellectualization of Judaism." In addition, the bible, which allows foreseeing of the future, is anti-occult "because it will somehow get you to think you can bypass God's will."

The Talmud is also against the occult, Feldman said, but does acknowledge there are people who can cure illnesses by using magical incantations. "Among these, it mentions Jesus of Nazareth, but has the attitude, 'So what, he was only a magician.'"

As an example of how deeply ingrained the occult is in Jewish life Feldman pointed to the saying 'Mazel Tov' and 'Geshim Mazel,' respectively meaning "have a good planet or good luck and a person without much of a planet or luck."

Another example is the practice of extending Friday night's service because of the belief that "evil spirits are more active on this night and rabbis want to make sure that even latecomers have company home at the end of the service."

Even though Judaism's attitude is anti-occult, there are, said Feldman, "demons who act positively for Jews against anti-Semitics. But," he added in reply to a question after his talk, "Frankenstein was definitely not Jewish."

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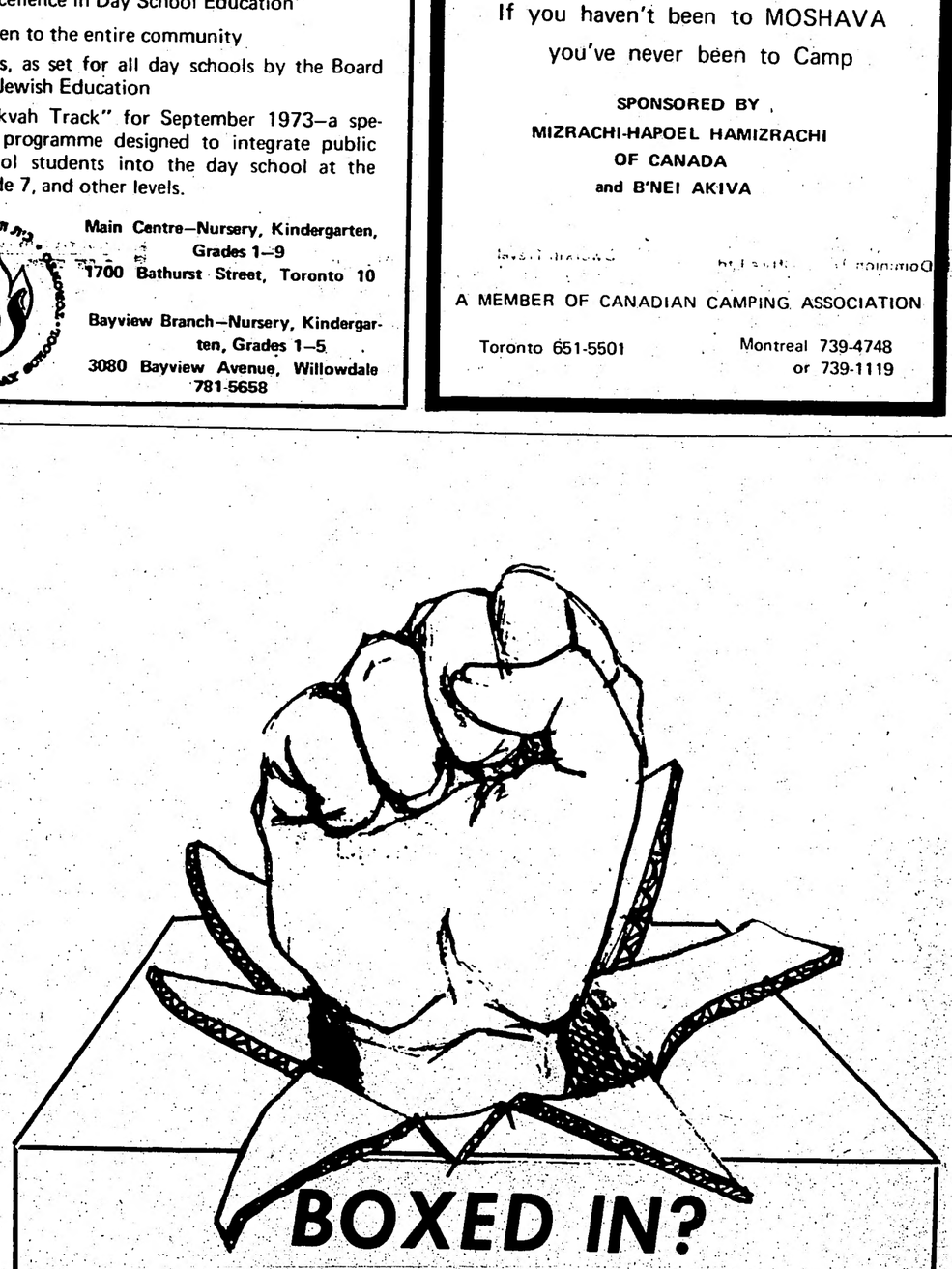

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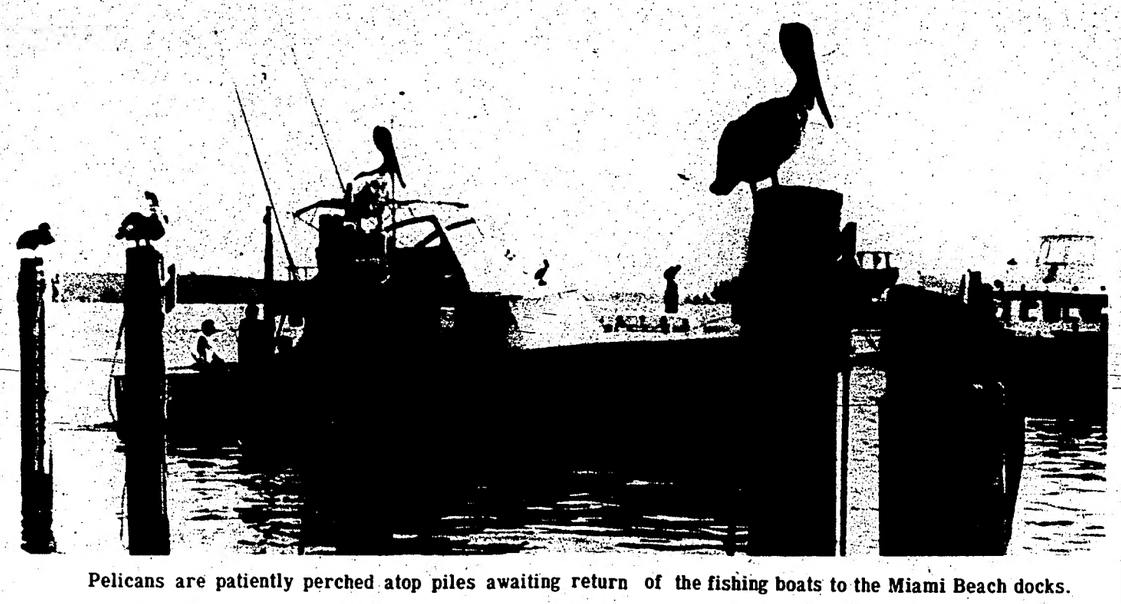

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Save The Tiger

'The Jew as an endangered species'

By FRANK MICHAEL

"A generation in which human ideals do not improve must perish." So said the Koretser Rebbe.

Save the Tiger, a Paramount Pictures release making its Canadian premiere at the Towne Cinema this week, espouses substantially the same theme. The "tiger" in the title refers to a whole generation of middle-class Americans fighting for survival in a jungle of moral anarchy. Values in flux, outmoded ideals, pervasive cynicism are the pitfalls. At stake are sanity and a sense of human significance.

Harry Stoner, a Los Angeles dress manufacturer simultaneously steeped in the nostalgia of the American Dream and sullied by the sordid imperatives of the American Business Ethic, is the film's representative of this endangered species. Despite the trappings of success–silk suit, luxury sedan, mock-Tudor house – Stoner experiences emptiness in his personal life and dehumanizing savagery in his profession.

Save the Tiger depicts a day and a half of moral crisis in the life of a "decent" man.

Jack Lemmon and Jack Gilford pictured here in a scene from Save the Tiger, which CJN critic Frank Michael says will prove, for sociological reasons, discomfiting to some Jewish viewers. It's currently playing at the Towne Cinema here in Toronto.

As yet another sequence in the continuing saga of the American Dream Gone Sour, an artistic tradition both venerable and vulnerable by now, the film represents a rather tame, simplistic, and thoroughly familiar endeavor. Quite predictably, Harry Stoner loves baseball, remembers World War II, worships Benny Goodman, is abused by his parking lot attendant, procures women for his clients, flirts with a girl on Sunset Strip, and tries marijuana once. All this is par for the course.

Artistic considerations aside, **Save the Tiger** becomes, perhaps inadvertently, an intriguing sociological document. For the world of Harry Stoner, as scripted by Steve Shagan, is a very Jewish milieu. Harry, his partner, his cutter, his designer, the perverted client, the girl on the Strip, a courier from the Syndicate, even a fairly incidental taxi driver–all are quite identifiably Jewish.

And they are not simply caricatures, one hastens to add.

So what? Many Jews gravitated to the garment industry, right? Granted. But the cast of characters in **Save the Tiger** retains special speculative interest for Jews on at least two counts.

One possible inference is a shift from the single, hapless schlemiel (a la **Last of the Red Hot Lovers**) to a more representative spectrum and a more serious consideration of Jews in America. The spectrum here, for instance, runs from Meyer – a genuine "fachman," or craftsman, who knows love and hope despite years of pogroms and oppression–to Rico, the designer–a fast-buck artist whose given name was "Sol."

The likelier, and more provocative inference is a closer identification of the Jew as an archetype of American middle-class malaise. In other words, the Jew as endangered species.

For purely sociological reasons, **Save the Tiger**, starring Jack Lemmon and featuring excellent performances by Jack Gilford and William Hansen, will prove discomfitting to some Jewish audiences.

CJA director leaves for new job

From Our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL–Directing a campaign is not simply a job, it's a way of life, and for Montreal's Combined Jewish Appeal Director Mel Schoenfeld, "it's a job you live with seven days a week."

For Schoenfeld, who will shortly be leaving Montreal to take on a new position in Florida, raising dollars for Israel has a deep emotional satisfaction, and in 1961, when he left his own highly successful business in the United States, he knew he had made the right decision.

It all began, explained Schoenfeld, when he was 27 years old and he made his first move to the suburbs of New York. He was married, had a two year old son, and a thriving orthopedic shoe business.

"My wife and I became active in the synagogue, which then started out in someone's store. We became very involved, and although it was a lot of work we enjoyed it very much... About 17 years later we moved further into Long Island and again there was no synagogue."

He stepped in as head of the synagogue at a time when the building was simply too small to hold its 1,000 students and its burgeoning congregation.

"No one believed we could raise the funds we needed, so I found myself heading the campaign for the new building. We also hired a fund-raising firm whose president lived nearby, and we became very close friends."

The campaign results were so successful that the consulting firm's President Milton Hood Ward, prevailed upon Schoenfeld to join his company.

In 1961 the Jewish Federation of St. Louis offered Schonenfeld "a deal he couldn't refuse," and he settled there with his wife and three children.

In 1968, he was asked to head North America's third largest Jewish community with one of the highest per capita contributing rates–Montreal.

In a period of a few years he helped raise the community's gifts to the United Israel Appeal from $4 million to almost $11 million, with the same number of staff.

In April, Montreal will be losing her top campaign director to one of the fastest growing communities in the United States, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation.

"I certainly have reservations about leaving this great community," said the grandfather of five, "but my wife isn't very happy. We're far from our children and it especially hits us during holidays like Passover or Yom Kippur when it's almost impossible for them to join us. In terms of our own family, it's become quite lonely for us."

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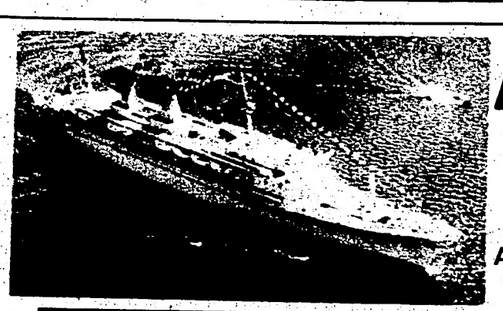

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Second centre opens in Vienna for Soviets

JERUSALEM (JCNS)–

To cope with the increasing number of Jews leaving the Soviet Union for Israel, the Jewish Agency has constructed a second reception centre in Vienna capable of accommodating 70 people in transit.

Consideration is being given to the building of a third with accommodation for 300 immigrants.

Urgent action is also being taken to deal with the luggage Soviet immigrants are allowed to bring out of Russia with them. Most of it, poorly packed, has been arriving damaged in Israel.

Under an agreement with the Israeli shipping line, Zim, luggage in transit is now being crated in Vienna before transport to European ports. Thirty-nine per cent of the 31,600 Soviet immigrants who arrived in Israel last year were aged between 19 and 45. Twenty per cent were aged under 12.

The largest group–27 per cent–were people with professional qualifications. The biggest percentage, 37, came from Georgia, with the Ukraine providing the second largest contingent, 25 per cent.

Despite all their many problems of immigration and absorption Russian newcomers are displaying a degree of adaptability and satisfaction with their life in Israel considerably in excess of that shown by immigrants from other countries.

A group of 5,000 immigrants surveyed for internal purposes by the absorption ministry after one year in the country showed that 89 per cent were in permanent housing (compared with 70 per cent of all other immigrants); 72 per cent were completely satisfied with their accommodation (compared with only 37 per cent of other immigrants) and 66 per cent of those aged 18 and over were in employment (compared with 52 per cent). Most striking, according to a confidential report prepared for the absorption ministry, was that 65 per cent felt themselves completely Israeli within a year after their immigration and only a few still regarded themselves as Russians in one sense or another. This degree of identification can be found only among 25 per cent of other immigrants, with the vast majority still clinging, one way or another, to their previous national identity.

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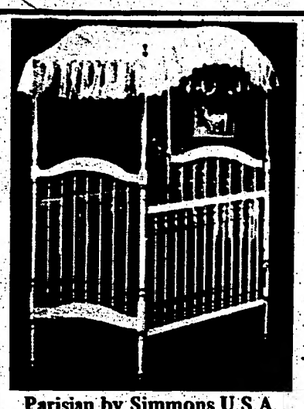

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Plummer enjoys the challenge of a musical Cyrano

Christopher Plummer prepares for action in his role of Cyrano, now playing at the Royal Alexandra.

By JENIVA BERGER

At 10:45 in the morning, an hour when most actors are still foggy from the vigors of the previous night's rehearsal, Christopher Plummer is greeting the press with the energy of a car salesman. Spreading the word about his new musical **Cyrano** which has booked into the Royal Alexandra for a three and a half week pre-Broadway run, Plummer looks as if the only thing he is missing on this bright winter morning is the sword, the rose, and the cape.

Rostand's magnificent prose which the handsome actor brought to life so eloquently on Stratford's stage 11 years ago has been incorporated into a sort of Plummerian dialogue, for this native Canadian converses so fluidly and articulately that you wonder if he's beenn rehearsing the typical press question and answer game in Sutton Place's closets. But no. He thinks about everything he says and he listens most attentively to what you say and then the conversation rolls out of him in a very pleasant cadence.

Dressed conservatively in a dark suit, he chats about Cyrano's major trademark, the enormous nose which, in the play, makes him a butt for malicious jokes and an impediment to pursuing outright his lady love, Roxanne. He woos her on the pretence that he is the young, handsome Christian.

"My 'nose' is smaller here," says Plummer, "because it has to be adjusted to the size of the theatre. The Royal Alex is a smaller house than where we've played before." The nose business obviously has scored with a television interviewer because Plummer quickly suggests that they do, a piece about all the famous noses throughout the ages together, and he seems delighted with the prospect.

What about his own famous interpretation of Cyrano. Will it be changed with the muscial version scripted by the erudite intellectual author of **A Clockwork Orange** Anthony Burgess?

Plummer gestured widely: "Everything is bigger in a musical. I can do much broader things with Cyrano because this is a musical. And though it's a difficult medium—all that waiting around for the scoring!—Anthony Burgess has written me a wonderful nonsense song which suits Cyrano's mood perfectly, and his love songs are equally good. I was a little worried in the beginning that the lyrics of the love songs might be banal, but they're not."

As for his own original interpretation, Plummer feels that the earlier Stratford show, even with a reminder that Canadian audiences still relish the memory, was far enough back to allow audiences to adjust to his new Cyrano.

But then he's used to the challenge of a gamut of roles and on most counts, has been well received in them all. His impressive list of stage, film and T.V. credits include leading roles at all three Stratfords, Broadway, The Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Emmy award nominations and the all time family favorite **The Sound of Music** in which he played the Baron Van Trapp.

Choral music treat at Beth Tzedec

By SAMUEL LEVITAN

Under the auspices of Canadian Jewish Congress, the music committee Sunday presented an impressive concert Sunday of choral music with the participation of six Toronto Jewish choirs, in a program designed to display each group at its best.

Although each choir performed individually, a group of items from their repertoire, the feature was the newly-commissioned cantata, **Jerusalem**, by Ben Steinberg, with all the performing choirs amalgamating into one large massive aggregation, winging this music under the energetic direction of Gordon Kushner.

Inclement weather undoubtedly prevented a number of people from attending this unique musical event, but nevertheless, the sanctuary of the synagogue was three quarters full, and for these people, it was a treat, judging from the enthusiastic applause.

The Beth Tzedec Synagogue Choir under its director, Gordon Kushner, opened the concert with a solid rendition of the Torah Service by Daniel Drutz, a member of the choir, with Cantor Joseph Cooper singing the difficult and gratifying solo part. This is music written with an understanding of the vocal resources with a fine sense of Nusach throughout. The Mim Komcha of Kushner aroused much enthusiastic approval from the listeners, and is a model of well crafted synagogal composition.

Gordon Kushner (left) and Ben Steinberg (Hoz Photo)

The Temple Emmanuel Youth Choir composed of pre-teenagers, with Cantor Phil Fields as soloist, gave good renditions of portions of the Friday Night Service by Raymond Smolover, including the Shiru L'Adonoy from the rock Service. And if some finesse was lacking, it was definitely an encouraging group.

It was the Synagogue Choir from the Beth Tikvah Congregation that provided a real surprise for many in attendance. Firstly, this choir is completely made up of volunteers, who sing for the love of singing as is evident by the pleasure they project when on stage and the music provided by their equally lovable and able conductor, Srul Irving Glick, is tailor made. What is remarkable about this group, is that it is a madrigal choir, so unusual in synagogues, yet wonderful to listen to, coupled with professional standards as its norm.

The Temple Emmanuel Choir with Cantor Fields presented some outstanding music by Max Janowski, one of the better known composers in the religious milieu, plus a hearing of our own John Weinzweig's **Am Yisrael Chai**.

The Toronto Hadassah Choir under the leadership of Esther Ghan-Firestone, also provided some lighthearted interludes sung with evident good preparation, yet it seems to the listener, that they sing in a style too constricted in projecting outwardly to the audience. Yet, they manage to please.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the evening was the premiere of Ben Steinberg's cantata, **Jerusalem** to a poem by Shin Shalom. The poem by itself contains a musical rythm so pulsating, that it cries out for music to its words, and Steinberg has endowed these unusual words with unusually appealing music.

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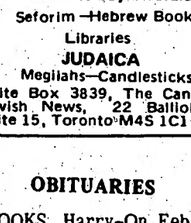

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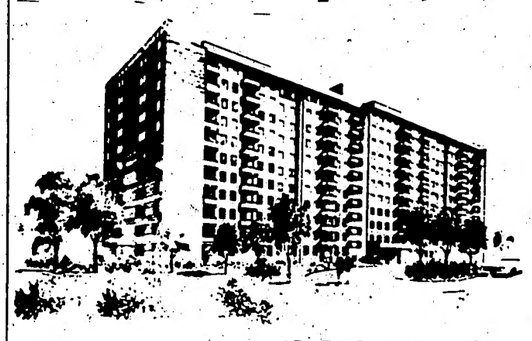

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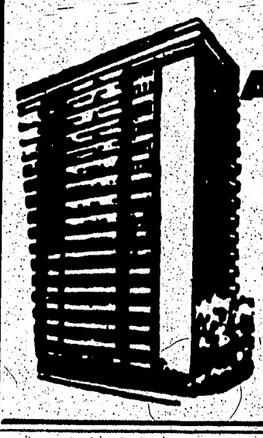

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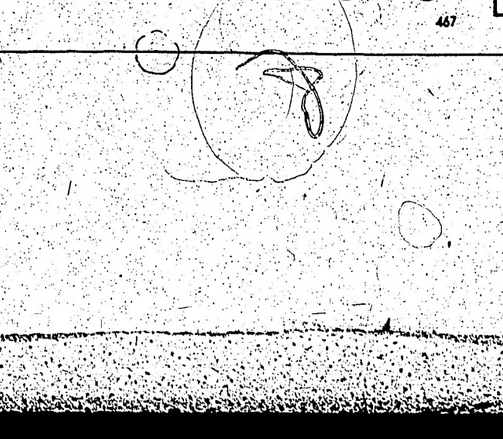

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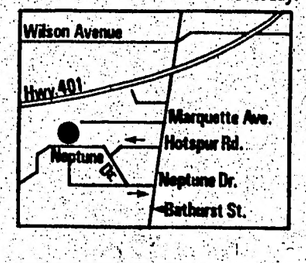

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The building of luxury flats is having an effect on the construction of housing for the close to 100,000 Israeli families, including an estimated 250,000 children, living in sub-standard conditions.

This assertion, which has been hotly contested in the past by builders and estate agents who have grown rich on the proceeds of building for Western newcomers and investors, is made in a report by the Prime Minister's Commission on Children and Youth in Need.

The findings of the various committees, established by the commission after it was called into being by Golda Meir in May, 1971, were submitted to her as long ago as last November but have not yet been made public.

The committee on housing pointed out that the construction of luxury and public buildings "drains the manpower needed for building economic housing. This manpower pool is limited, and work in the construction of luxury flats is more profitable. The construction of economic housing has become more expensive and hence more limited."

According to the comittee, the gap in housing standards between affluent and poor families is widening much more rapidly than the gap in the overall standard of living.

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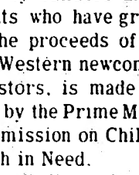

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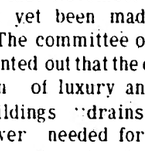

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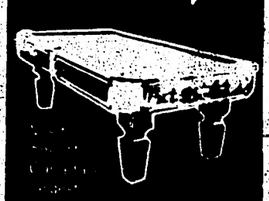

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